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E-fare up in the air

TRANSIT

Long-awaited Connect Card delayed again

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Another day, another delay for Calgary Transit's Connect Card.

At this point, all the director of transit can say is there's a window this autumn for when the long-awaited tap-and-go technology will roll out.

"One of the things that's important to us is just the reliability of that technology," Doug Morgan said Wednesday. "We want to make sure first and foremost that it works for Calgarians."

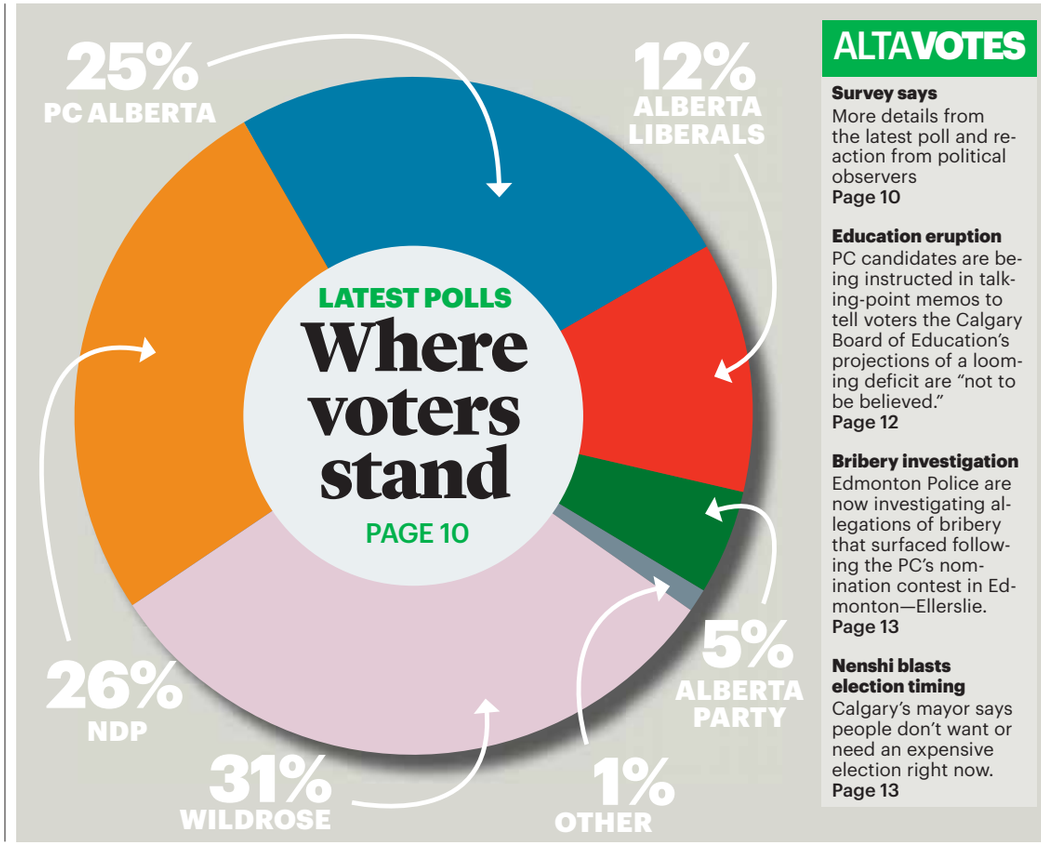
The Connect Card has seen a roller coaster of hiccups dating back to 2012, when the electronic-fare system was originally supposed to launch.

That same year, the city terminated its contract with Spanish company Telvent, citing delays and failures during trial runs. The contract was rejigged a year later with the same company, now called Schneider Electric.

Regular transit rider Andy Tylosky said passengers have waited a long time for the e-fare system, and the recent fare increase from $3 to $3.15 hasn't helped, forcing many to carry extra change.

"I wouldn't really demand a specific date; I think it's more important that it's done properly," said Tylosky. "I am interested in knowing what has taken so long."

As Metro reported last September, the re-testing phase was initially expected to last three months, but that's been extended and Morgan couldn't offer a specific day that the e-fare payments will finally be ready.



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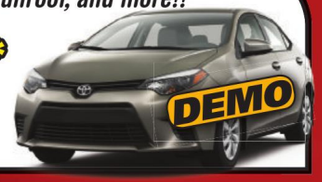

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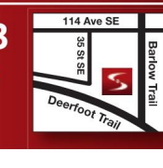

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Mother urges Facebook to block stolen photo of baby

SOCIAL MEDIA

Disabled child's image used as anti-vaccination propaganda

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

At just 20 months old, Calgary-area tot Adele Collins has already become a face for acceptance of people with Down syndrome.

But now the young girl's mother is crying foul, as an anonymous Facebook entity has stolen a photo of her and repurposed it as part of a messaging campaign claiming that, among other things, administering vaccinations to children can lead to them developing an extra chromosome and render them severely autistic.

The group, known as Disciples of the New Dawn, has also stated that mothers who don't breast-feed put their children at risk of developing autism and those opting to give birth via caesarean section are inferior.

Adele's photo is one of many used by the group — and the bulk of the subjects are children with Down syndrome.

"Having them do this to our kids was so hurtful and so wrong.... This is hate speech," said Adele's mother Krista Rowland-Collins.

The group Disciples of the New Dawn repurposed this photo of Adele Collins as part of an anti-vaccination campaign.
PHOTO USED WITH PERMISSION, COURTESY KRISTA ROWLAND-COLLINS

The stolen photo of Adele was shot by Rowland-Collins for an advertisement for a boutique clothing provider called Screaming Owl. She became inspired to get Adele into modelling after seeing a 2012 campaign promoting advertisements featuring special-needs individuals.

She's fighting to have the Disciples page taken down and has been lodging complaints every day with Facebook since first discovering her daughter's picture on March 24.

To date, two of the editions of the Disciples page have been taken down, but one version remained active Wednesday afternoon.

> **They're providing medical advice that could potentially kill children.** Krista Rowland-Collins

Rowland-Collins questioned at what point the social-media giant would begin blocking IP addresses to prevent the group from relaunching.

Little is known about the Disciples group; it's not even clear if the creators actually believe what they're saying.

"The Disciples of the New Dawn are led by Father Patrick Embry. We resist the activities of the Communist Masters who seek to control us all," reads a description on their current page.

The group has sparked some media controversy, especially after the number of "likes" on their original page topped 10,000.

"They're providing medical advice that could potentially kill children.... It goes beyond posting a picture of my child," Rowland-Collins said. "It's horrible; it's disgusting. That's why it needs to be shared. It's about Facebook — their policies, their guidelines."

Jeremy De Beer, a law professor at the University of Ottawa, said there are other avenues that Rowland-Collins and others targeted by the page could pursue, but he expressed doubts they would have much success.

He said federal copyright legislation was amended in 2012 to establish a procedure for making a claim of copyright infringement. As a result, the intermediary — in this case Facebook — could be compelled to forward an allegation to an infringer, and the courts could also compel the company to identify those responsible for a violation.

"The legal procedures are onerous; (it's) very difficult even for sophisticated companies to enforce copyrights in this context," De Beer said. "For an individual to try to pursue their rights pertaining to ownership of a photograph would be even more onerous.... In practice, the only thing she can do is rely on Facebook to be vigilant in preventing these photos from reappearing, to prevent this abuse from continuing."

TERMS OF USE

Facebook states on its site that it will "remove things that don't follow the Facebook terms (ex: nudity, bullying, graphic violence, spam)."

CRIME

Police seek help finding stolen rifle

The Calgary Police Service (CPS) is asking for further assistance from the public in locating a dangerous police firearm that may be in the wrong hands.

The CPS' Guns and Gangs Unit has now been appointed to locate a missing police-issue firearm after it was stolen from a vehicle belonging to an off-duty officer on April 4.

On the night in question, between 10:45 and 11 p.m., the officer stopped at Schanks Sports Grill at Crowfoot Crossing. When he returned, his vehicle had been broken into, and the semi-automatic C8 weapon, which police said the officer intended to bring home for cleaning, was gone.

Officers noted that while they're asking any and all members of the public for help, they have a specific interest in the occupants of a car that was blocked by a vehicle they believe may be connected to the theft.

Sgt. Jason Walker with the Guns and Gangs Unit said it's possible residents didn't even realize what they were seeing at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Calgary Police Service at 1-403-266-1234, the Guns and Gang Unit at 1-403-428-8664 or Crime Stoppers to report the information anonymously.

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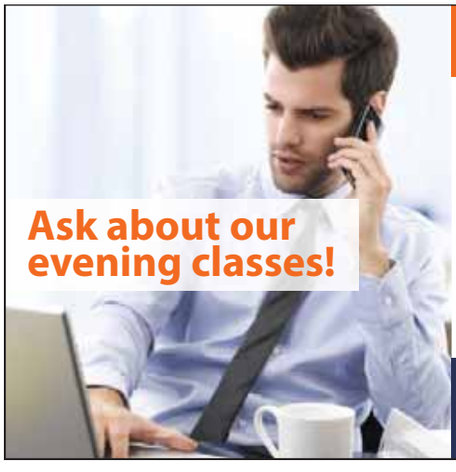

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Cycle track to open by June

BIKE CORRIDOR

Concerns remain about Stephen Ave. lane portion

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

After years of bitter and divisive debate, construction of a true cycle-track network in downtown Calgary is set to begin later this month and open to the public by late June.

The new lanes are to be built along 5 Street SW, 12 Avenue and 8 Avenue/9 Avenue. But they won't be like the lone existing downtown cycle track on 7 Street SW, which has a continuous concrete barrier separating cyclists from motorists.

Instead, cycling co-ordinator Tom Thivener said the separation will come mainly from "flexible bollards" spaced five metres apart, as well as paint and, in some places, temporary curbs pinned into the roadway.

"This will be much more temporary and we'll have the ability to remove it," he said.

It will be up to council in December 2016 to decide whether to keep, modify, or remove the network, after about 18 months of evaluation.

Thivener said automated bicycle counters will be installed at points along each corridor of the network and push daily data to the web.

Signs with electronic displays showing real-time counts will also be erected along each new corridor, he said.

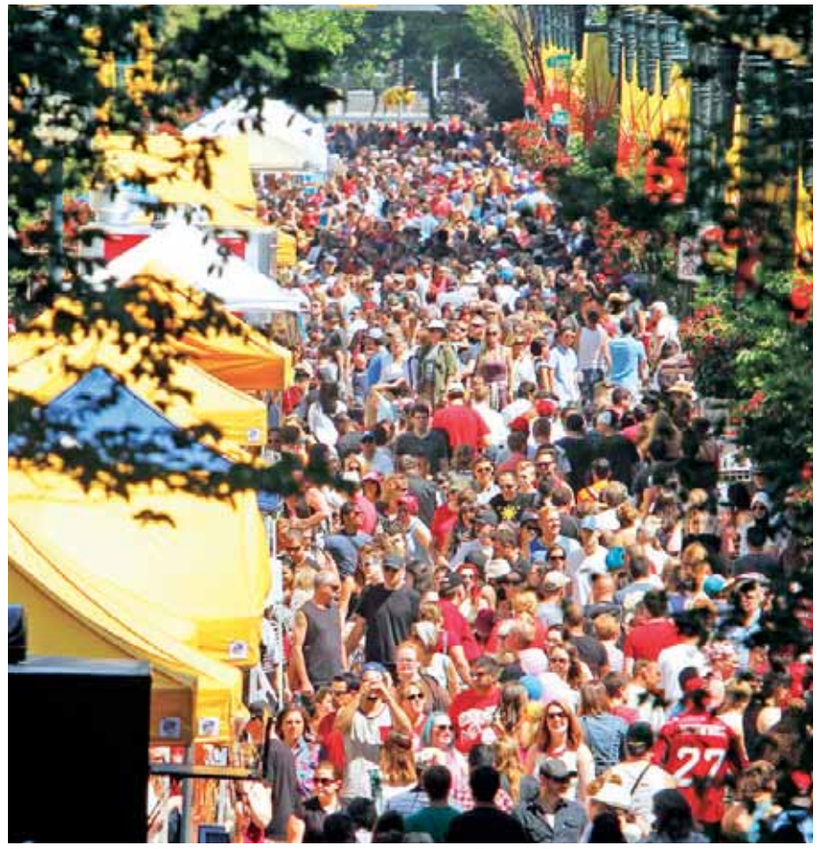
The portion of the network that runs along the Stephen Avenue pedestrian mall won't involve physical separation, Thivener noted.

Instead, cyclists will simply be allowed to ride the route at any of time of day in both directions, with signs instructing them to stick to the right of the one-way road that's only open to motor-vehicle traffic in the evenings.

"We'll be educating (cyclists) heavily about the need to respect pedestrian space and take it easy," Thivener said.

Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association, said members of the group's HOST Program, who act as centre-city ambassadors, will be helping with that education effort.

Still, Schofield said she remains "very concerned" about cyclists and pedestrians sharing the space, especially during the busy lunch hour and special events, and would have preferred the city stuck with an earlier plan to bar cyclists from using the route between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Stephen Avenue Mall is often filled with people, like on Canada Day, seen here. METRO FILE

> **We'll be educating (cyclists) heavily about the need to respect pedestrian space ...**
> Tom Thivener

A rendering of the 12 Avenue cycle track, which will run from 11 Street SW to 4 Street SE. DRAWINGS COURTESY THE CITY OF CALGARY

The 8 Avenue/9 Avenue cycle tracks will run from 11 Street SW to 4 Street SE (portions will look different).

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Glenda Savard and Jim Pescott hung their paintings on the walls of the Louvre last December, and this year, they're preparing to do it again. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Artists' work exhibited at the Louvre

CULTURE

Friends ready for mid-April local display of their art pieces

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Every day, thousands of tourists and art-lovers pour into the Louvre Museum in Paris, hoping to catch a glimpse of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

But when Calgary artist Glenda Savard walked into the museum last December, she had a bit of a different motive: She was going to hang her own painting on the wall.

Her colourful landscape painting of Fish Creek hung inside the Louvre for four days as a part of the Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts' annual international art exhibit.

"Walking in was just so surreal," she said. "I had goosebumps all over, and when I eventually found my way into the room, I saw my painting hanging next to all of this fantastic work and I thought, 'Is this real?' I'm still pinching myself."

Savard's friend and fellow Calgary artist, Jim Pescott, has been accepted into exhibit for the past four years. He recommended Savard to the society, and in a matter of months her work was juried and she was on a flight to Paris.

On April 18, Savard and Pescott will be displaying their work at the Willow Park and Maple Ridge Community Centre in a joint exhibit called "Extraordinary Alchemy."

"It got its name because, really, artists are alchemists," Savard laughed. "We put all kinds of things together and it creates either a boom or a bust."

Both artists say their strength is in colour, but each style is distinct. Savard's thick oil paintings are made to evoke a sense of movement, where Pescott's acrylic paintings are created using only dots of colour to build the image.

Savard and Pescott were the only two Albertans showing their work in the Louvre last year, alongside eight other Canadians. This year, they're gearing up to go again, and are currently choosing which pieces they'll submit to the jury.

"After you experience that once, it's impossible to go back," Pescott said. "It truly is a phenomenal experience."

ART EXPO

Extraordinary experience
Glenda Savard and Jim Pescott's "Extraordinary Alchemy" art display runs April 18 at the Willow Park and Maple Ridge Community Centre, located at 680 Acadia Dr. SE, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MISSING PERSONS

Mother pleads public for info on daughter

Roughly a month after her disappearance, the mother of missing Calgary woman Jessica Rae Newman is once again asking the public for information on her daughter's whereabouts.

Rhonda Stewart, who spoke to Metro from her home in Quesnel, B.C., said since Newman's disappearance on March 10, they've had no contact with her.

"She has not even attempted to use her bank or Visa cards or anything like that, which also again worries me," said Stewart.

Stewart described Newman, a mother of three, as a young woman who loves her job and had been hanging out with a group of friends who were "all pretty good."

She said the past month of waiting has been "terrible."

"It's hard to deal with this, not knowing where she is, not knowing if she's hurt or in any pain or anything else," Stewart said.

Newman, 24, was last seen in the Forest Lawn area around 9:30 p.m. on March 10, wearing a black and white mid-length sleeveless dress and a black leather jacket with studs on the shoulders.

Police said Newman weighs 100 pounds and standing roughly five-foot-three, with mid-length blond hair and blue eyes. She also has a tattoo running the length of her spine.

Anyone with information about Jessica's whereabouts are asked to contact the Calgary Police Service at 1-403-266-1234 or to call Crime Stoppers to report the information anonymously.

Jessica Rae Newman
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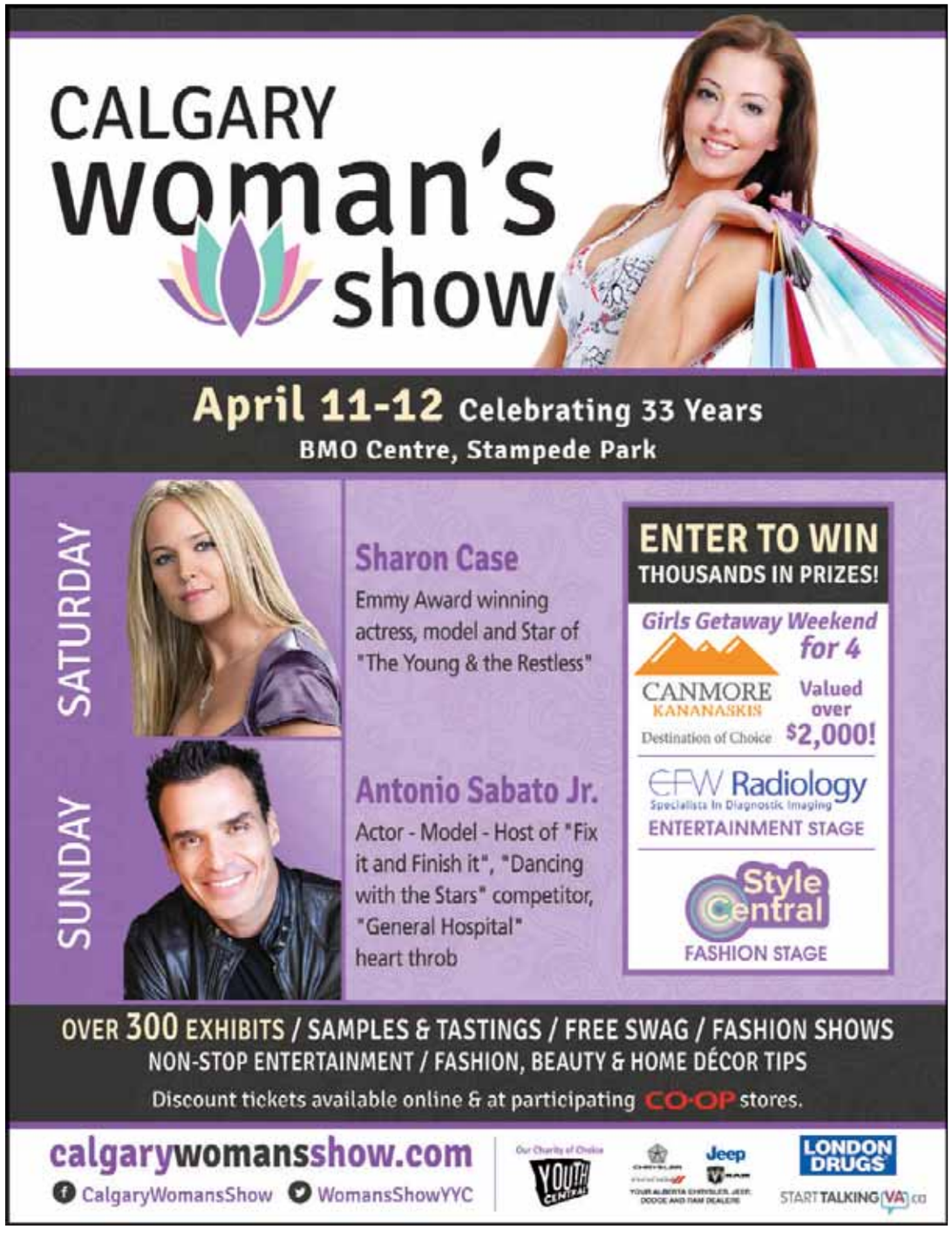

Glee clubs eyeing Calgary expansion

ARTS

Initiative for kids aged 5 to 12 has been a hit in Cochrane

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

A children's glee club has taken Cochrane by storm and is looking to sing its way into the Calgary scene.

Music teacher Shelley Steele-Gittel said what started out as a kids' choir with 13 children last fall blossomed so quickly that they had to break the program into three different glee clubs comprising more than 60 children.

Hosting children aged five to 12, Steele-Gittel added that the glee clubs have afforded children with special needs or who may be a little quieter the chance to shine.

> **For the kids who are a little shy, we get them doing a solo or something and the parents are almost crying because their kids don't normally get chosen.**
> Teacher Shelley Steele-Gittel

"We're open to all kids from all economic ranges. If someone wants in, they're in," Steele-Gittel said. "And for the kids who are a little shy, we get them doing a solo or something and the parents are almost crying because their kids don't normally get chosen."

Parent Kathy Doell has watched her eight-year-old daughter Kiera-Joy partake in one of the glee clubs and said it's been a great outlet for her daughter to express her individuality.

"It just seemed like from the very first time we brought her it helped her — she just sings all the time now," Doell said. "Music can be very comforting and can lift your mood, so it's kind of like healing."

With the popularity of the Cochrane clubs, Steele-Gittel said they are looking to expand the program to at least three locations in Calgary come fall. She added that with the typically high costs of music lessons, group programming like the glee clubs allows kids to get a great musical education in a group setting.

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Kids from the Cochrane Glee Club do some ribbon dancing while they belt out tunes during one of their weekly rehearsals. The popularity of the Cochrane programs has pushed the clubs to branch out into Calgary. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

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Nicholas Lush's body identified

Nicholas Lush RCMP HANDOUT

CRIME

Remains found in Longview; two men facing murder raps

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

The remains of Nicholas Lush have been recovered, Cochrane RCMP said Wednesday, two days after charging two men with murder in connection with the man's disappearance in March.

A police dog located the remains Monday while RCMP conducted searches in the Longview area and they were positively identified Wednesday by the Calgary Medical Examiner's Officer using "latent fingerprint comparative analysis," according to an RCMP release.

Lush went missing March 29 after leaving a house party near Springbank, just west of Calgary.

Two men — 24-year-old Cody Kenneth Bauer of Calgary and 22-year-old Kristopher Goerzen of Brooks — were arrested Sunday in Cranbrook, B.C., and each faces a charge of first-degree murder.

Reached earlier this week via social media, Lush's wife, Denise, said the family was devastated by the news of the murder charges.

"We are all just heartbroken," she said.

Brad Zingel and his wife, Shannon — Lush's cousin — started an online fundraiser for his immediate family.

"He was one of the best people I've ever known," Zingel said. "If you asked him for the shirt on his back, he would give it to you. He was just a great guy."

Goerzen is set to appear in Cochrane Provincial Court on April 14 and Bauer's first court date is set for April 21.

CITY HALL

Arena would need funding: Nenshi

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the Calgary Flames might be putting themselves in the political hot seat as plans outlined by the NHL team for a multi-use arena will likely require public money.

"I can't imagine how they could do what they're looking at without asking for (public funding), but they're going to have a big political issue," Nenshi said at a news conference on Wednesday.

"As I've said many times, there are two issues: public funding needs to go for public benefit, not private benefit — and there ain't no money. If we can solve those two problems, we'll be in good shape."

Plans for the multi-use arena were outlined in a media report in early April, with the potential plans including a new home for the Flames, a CFL football complex and a field house for amateur sport in the city's West Village.

City councillors are strongly opposed to publicly funding the arena, but supplying the Flames with municipal land is one option that is being entertained.

> **"... they're going to have a big political issue.**
> Mayor Naheed Nenshi

While Nenshi said he has met with Ken King, Flames president and CEO, there's no formal proposal before the city and he says it's up to the NHL team to determine whether or not they want to bring forward plans around the new arena to the public.

Ward 8 Coun. Evan Woolley said while the NHL team provides a "public benefit" to the city he's opposed to using direct taxpayers' dollars to build the new facility.

"I've always been open to the conversation. Should we use direct taxpayer dollars to fund arenas? No," he said. "Are there other ways the city can support that? Yes."

"What exactly that looks like, I don't know."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

INVESTIGATION

Man dead, others in hospital due to CO

A man is dead and several other people were taken to hospital following reports that numerous people may have been exposed to a noxious substance on Wednesday morning.

According to a release from Calgary EMS, paramedics responded to the call in the 200 block of Elign Way SE at around 10:15 a.m. with several EMS personnel attending.

EMS said one man was declared dead on scene by paramedics and say it's speculated his death was the result of a self-inflicted injury.

Three adults and four children, ranging in age from one to four, were taken to hospital for treatment related to symptoms consistent with carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Two children and one adult were brought to the South Health Campus and the remaining patients, two children and two adults, were taken to Rockyview General Hospital.

EMS said it's unknown if there's any relationship between the patients and say they have no details about the fatality.

The Calgary Police Service is investigating. METRO

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Parties in a virtual tie, survey suggests

ELECTION

Wildrose has support of 31% of voters polled

Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

Three political parties are in a virtual deadlock among Alberta's decided voters, but the one thing most agree on is the need for a strong opposition, new survey numbers show.

In a ThinkHQ Public Affairs online research panel of 1,835 Albertans, of the 1,440 who said they were decided voters, 31 per cent said they would vote for the Wildrose Party if an election were held tomorrow.

That's compared with 26 per cent for the Alberta New Democrats and 25 per cent for the governing PC party. In a similar sample size, the margin of error is plus or minus 2.3 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

The Alberta Liberal Party logged 12 per cent, and the Alberta Party trails at five per cent.

While the numbers are similar to other recent polls, ThinkHQ boss Marc Henry said it's still just reflective of an electorate "grumbly" with the PC party's recent activities: Wildrose floor crossing, the recently tabled budget and perhaps nomination contest irregularities.

"What you're capturing with this is some discontent with what's happened with the PC government, I think starting with the floor crossings in December," Henry said.

"I think what you're seeing in these early polls is Albertans want to see the PC government with some strong opposition."

In fact, 87 per cent of respondents to the survey either somewhat or strongly agreed a strong opposition to the PC (or governing) party was important.

"(Voters) don't want to see the PCs walk away with this," Henry said.

Mount Royal political-science professor Lori Williams was surprised by the results, noting all three of the top parties — plus undecided voters in the full survey tally — are all roughly the same, considering the potential margin of error.

"I, frankly, would be quite surprised if (the Wildrose) has the kind of impact (province-wide) this is showing," Williams said.

She did concede that the current numbers combined with the overwhelming showing for strong opposition could lead to voters making their choices late, based on who can provide the best opposition.

"I think there's a strong argument to be made that's exactly what's going on," she said, noting that the Wildrose party's effective opposition in the past has opened Albertans' eyes to its importance.

"People are a bit worried the government will have too many seats and the opposition will not be strong enough, well-funded enough, to hold the government to account."

Both Henry and Williams mentioned similar Tory fortunes early on in the last election.

"These kinds of poll numbers, when they go down really fast, they can come up just as fast," Henry said.

Wildrose Leader Brian Jean's party is leading a new election survey, but experts suggest it's still far too early to write off the wobbling Tory party. MIKE RIDEWOOD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **These kinds of poll numbers, when they go down really fast, they can come up just as fast.**
> Marc Henry, ThinkHQ boss

METHODOLOGY

Online sample

While the survey states margin of error isn't applicable because it's a representative online sample and not a random sample, this sample size typically yields a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The survey was conducted between April 2 and 6 and reached 1,835 people in Alberta.

A tight race

Notable numbers from the survey:

1 Calgary:
Among decided voters in the city, 31 per cent would vote Wildrose if a vote were held tomorrow, with 27 per cent voting PC and 19 per cent Alberta NDP.

2 Edmonton:
Among decided voters, 42 per cent would cast their ballot for the Alberta NDP, with the PC Party and the Wildrose Party statistically deadlocked at 22 and 21 per cent respectively.

3 Flip flops:
58 per cent of people who took the survey said they could change their mind on who to vote for prior to the May 5 election day.

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Tories doubt CBE budget woes: internal memo

ELECTION MESSAGE

School board's numbers 'wildly inaccurate,' PC candidates told

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Tory MLA candidates are being told that claims of inadequate provincial funding by Calgary's public school board are "not to be believed" and that the board has a history of being "wildly inaccurate" in its fiscal projections.

The campaign-style messaging is spelled out in an internal "Reality Check" memo that was leaked to Metro after being distributed to candidates for the Progressive Conservative government. The provincial election campaign officially began Tuesday, one day after Calgary Board of Education officials went public with projections of a near-$30 million deficit for the 2015-16 school year.

The board's forecast came less than two weeks after the provincial budget did bump up its overall financial commitment to school boards, but stopped short of funding thousands of additional students expected to flock into the Calgary this year.

But the Progressive Conservative memo, which features the "Choose Alberta's Future" campaign slogan, said the board's statements "follow a pattern of predicted deficits followed by actually posting year-end surpluses."

> **Repeated claims of insufficient operational funding by (the CBE) are not to be believed.**
> Internal PC memo

"Reality check: Repeated claims of insufficient operational funding by the Calgary Board of Education are not to be believed," the memo goes on to state.

It then details that while the board predicted a $19.2 million deficit in the 2012-13 fiscal year, it ended up banking a $49.8 million surplus. Then, in 2013-14, the board banked $9 million after predicting a $15.3 million shortfall.

The campaign manager for Calgary-Elbow MLA candidate and Education Minister Gordon Dirks confirmed the memo's validity.

Metro recently published an analysis that found the CBE's total provincial funding allotment when divided against its student count ranked only 56th out of 63 school boards. The public board's $8,844 per student was well behind the top board on the list, Northland ($16,916), and also lagged behind Edmonton public by $522 per student.

WITH FILES FROM JENNIFER FRIESEN

Calgary Board of Education trustee chairwoman Joy Bowen-Eyre says this year's provincial budget doesn't meet the needs of students. METRO FILE PHOTO

ELECTION TRAIL

Snap election catches Liberals off-guard

Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann says his party has just 31 candidates so far for the election, but says it's Premier Jim Prentice's fault.

The province, by law, was not supposed to have an election until the spring of 2016.

However, Prentice has called it for May 5, saying he needs a mandate to pass his budget.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP targets Calgary

Alberta NDP Leader Rachel Notley thinks her party will make a breakthrough in the Conservative fortress of Calgary when Albertans go to the polls on May 5.

Notley says Calgarians are looking for an alternative to the ruling Progressive Conservatives. She was at an event with Calgary-Fort candidate Joe Ceci Wednesday.

She told a crowd of about 200 chanting Calgary supporters that she intends to spend a lot of time in city over the next four weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police probe bribery claim

INVESTIGATION

Bhardwaj withdrew from general election

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Naresh Bhardwaj.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Edmonton Police have determined that an NDP request for an investigation into bribery allegations during a Progressive Conservative nomination contest warrants at least looking into.

NDP MLA Brian Mason wrote a letter to police Chief Rod Knecht on March 19 asking for an investigation into bribery allegations that surfaced following the PC's nomination contest in Edmonton — Ellerslie.

Those allegations including sworn statements charging former MLA Naresh Bhardwaj had attempted to influence the race by having his challenger's supporters withdraw their support.

Bhardwaj was cleared by the PC party, who brought in their own investigator to look into the issue, but withdrew from the general election.

He also launched a defamation lawsuit against one of his accusers.

Mason argued the party should not be investigating itself and asked Knecht to consider launching an investigation.

When Mason first submitted his request police said they would review it before considering an investigation, but confirmed Wednesday they now have an officer looking into it.

"We were reviewing to determine if an investigation was happening and an investigation is ongoing now," said police spokesperson Anna Batchelor.

ELECTION

Nenshi slams early Alberta election call

Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi isn't exactly thrilled his provincial peers are going to the polls.

Attending a news conference to unveil a new Calgary Transit app Wednesday, Nenshi told reporters he expects a "historically low voter turnout" come the May 5 provincial vote, solidified by PC Leader Jim Prentice Tuesday.

"What I'm hearing from Calgarians over and over again is they're not happy about this election," Nenshi said.

"I think that if we're in a world where it's difficult to find $200,000 to investigate the deaths of children in care to then find $30 million to run in an election — it's a tough argument for me to make if I were in that shoe."

Nenshi said he plans to launch his City Matters website again as he has in past provincial campaigns. On the site, the mayor's team has posted responses from provincial political leaders to municipal issues.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO, WITH FILES FROM HELEN PIKE

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2 ERIC CHURCH

Saturday, at the Saddledome: One of country music's biggest stars, Eric Church is also one of its least irritating. Yes, it's modern country but Church's songs are far more layered and less sexist/insipid than most of his 'bro-country' counterparts.

3 BECKY'S NEW CAR

Saturday, at the Martha Cohen Theatre, Arts Common: Alberta Theatre Project's new production, written by Canadian playwright Glenda Stirling, is a fun and uplifting story of how one woman deals with her mid-life crisis after being offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. **ATPlive.com**

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Peter & The Wolves play a style of rockabilly that's more swing than psycho. CONTRIBUTED

Local band gets its rockabilly groove

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Peter & The Wolves in no sheep's clothing

Lisa Wilton
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's rockabilly music scene is one of the strongest in Canada.

The rhythmic rock-and-country mix, first made famous by the likes of Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley, Eddie Cochran and Wanda Jackson in the 1950s, has been copied, reworked and updated by plenty of local bands over the years.

But there's something a little different about Peter & The Wolves. Perhaps it's because they're new blood. Fresh faces in a scene that seems to recycle the same musicians.

Led by 21-year-old singer-guitarist Peter Cormier, the group is much younger than most of its contemporaries and plays a style of rockabilly that's more swing than psycho.

"I think we just lean towards the old-fashioned rock 'n' roll sound as opposed to psychobilly," says drummer Angela White.

"You can put your dancing shoes on with us. It's more poppy early rock 'n' roll."

Cormier and stand-up bass player Theo Waite grew up surrounded by the sounds of early rock, country and punk, and watching their fathers, Michael Cormier and Doug Waite, play in such notable Calgary acts as Smokin' 45s, The Bownesians and The Ramblin' Ambassadors.

"As a kid in Bowness, I was always around rockabilly," Cormier says. "I just loved the style. It's got the kind of nostalgic thing for me. When I started to write songs I just wanted to write the usual things that teenage boys write about — heart-on-your-sleeve, sappy stuff. But that wasn't working for me. I'm just not that deep. It felt more natural to play dance-driven rock 'n' roll."

CD RELEASE

Peter & The Wolves celebrate the release of their self-titled debut CD Thursday at the Oak Tree Tavern in Kensington.

ENTERTAINMENT

Q&A: Kurios

On Thursday, Cirque du Soleil's latest extravaganza makes its Calgary premiere under the Big Top at Stampede Park. Set in the late 1800s, Kurios is a Steampunk dreamscape featuring the same high-flying acrobatics and whimsical characters Cirque fans have come to expect. Metro met up with company manager Yannick Spierkel, who has been with Cirque du Soleil for 20 years.

How many people are involved in the show?
We are 109 tour members, which includes 46 artists. We are from 21 different countries around the world, which has great challenges but also offers a great sense of community.

Cirque's Kurios CONTRIBUTED

How long does it take to set up?
From the end of one show to the start of the next it's usually about 10 days. Two days to dismantle everything, five days to set it up again and then they come in for a few days for training and adjustments. And we do eight to 10 shows a week.

What is Kurios about?
The storyline is about a scientist who thinks the tent is held up by antennas to a parallel world and that parallel world will arrive at the beginning of the show. There are contortionists and a live band.

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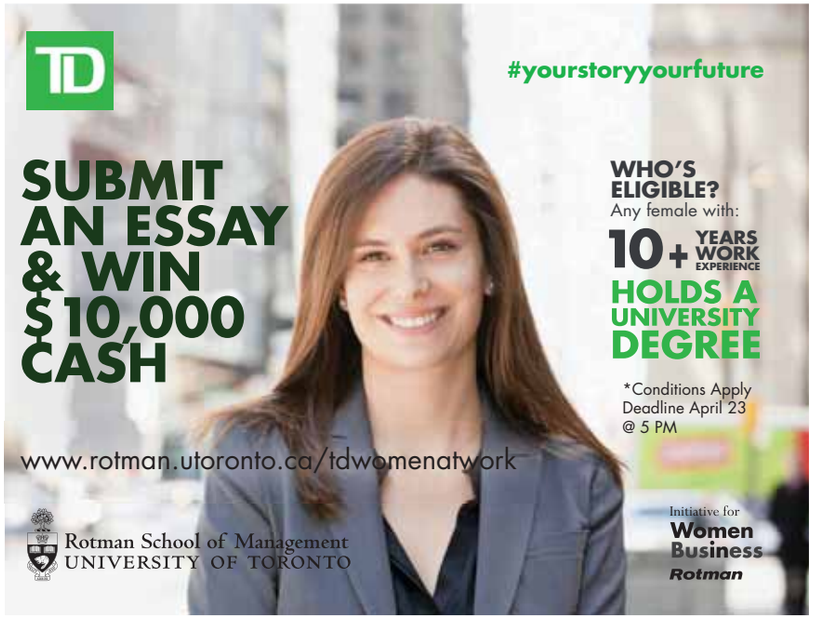

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TECHNOLOGY

Calgary Transit launches long-awaited smartphone aid

Helen Pike
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Riding public transit — there's an app for that. And now, Calgary Transit has released their own real-time complement to eager smartphone users looking to optimize their commuting experience.

"It is a new way to access some of the information we launched last fall," said Doug Morgan, director of Calgary Transit. "It will give customers access to the latest information on transit while they're at the stop, as well as any information that they need on fares or other information about transit."

Lagging months behind the already mobile-friendly webpage, Calgary Transit's app was quietly launched Tuesday, completing the rollout of real-time equipped platforms available to customers.

"It makes the experience of riding transit better. I've always said that real-time data is a game changer," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi. The settings also include quick links to the Calgary Transit web page to report lost property, fare and pass information, service updates, contact information and news. Morgan said at a press conference Wednesday these are things that could be integrated into the app over time.

"Certainly I'd like to see us work on a better and easier way for customers to give us feedback," Morgan said.

"That will be future development that we're always trying to improve, it just takes time to have all that bundled together and have it user friendly and set for the customer."

The design and features available may be familiar to some transit riders. The app was produced in partnership with Transit App developers — an already popular app used in many jurisdictions — including Calgary Transit.

KEY FEATURES

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- Save home and work locations for quicker trip planning.

A screen shot of what the new app looks like ITUNES APP STORE

PUBLIC'S HELP WELCOME

Police seek man with seven arrest warrants

Calgary police have asked for the public's assistance to track down a man wanted on several outstanding warrants.

Jonathan Wayne Anderson, 26, is sought by police for seven warrants including assault, three counts of failure to attend, two counts of breach of recognizance and breaching an emergency protection order.

He is described as a white male, about 5-foot-10 and 160 lbs. Anderson has brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or report on his whereabouts using Crime Stoppers anonymously. METRO

Jonathan Wayne Anderson. CALGARY POLICE

IN BRIEF

Police charge woman in daylight carjacking

Police have charged a 32-year-old Calgary woman following a brazen carjacking that occurred on April 1. The incident took place at around 10 a.m. when a woman and her passenger were in the parking lot of Marlborough Mall in a Toyota RAV4. At around 10 a.m., the accused approached the car, showed the driver a gun and demanded she hand over the vehicle. She then took off with the passenger, a woman who suffers from a medical condition, still inside. The passenger was found a short time later in the 5000 block of Marbank Drive NE after being forced out of the car. Now, Crystie Dawn Turbuck is facing numerous charges. METRO

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NEWFOUNDLAND

Retired judge to review police shooting

A retired provincial Supreme Court judge will report on the investigation into the shooting death of a man by a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer on the premier's security team.

The RCMP is leading the probe and says David Riche will fully assess its independence and thoroughness.

Don Dunphy, 59, was shot dead Sunday by an unnamed officer investigating perceived threats against provincial politicians on Twitter.

Riche was appointed to the bench in 1982 and retired as a judge in 1999.

His oversight is "in the interest of transparency and public confidence,'' RCMP Sgt. Greg Hicks said Wednesday. It's too early to estimate how long the probe will take, he added.

Riche's conclusions will be publicly released with some restrictions to protect privacy and internal procedures, Hicks said.

Premier Paul Davis has said his staff alerted police about the Twitter posts Friday out of concern they could be threats against his family and that of a cabinet minister. Davis said he was unaware of the online comments until after Dunphy was killed. Grieving family members asked Wednesday for privacy as they wait for more details from police.

The Mounties say the plainclothes officer consulted police databases and local RCMP, who have jurisdiction where Dunphy lived, before heading alone to his house. The Mounties say a loaded .22-calibre rifle was found beside Dunphy's body.

Police have not confirmed if more than one gun was fired. The killing has raised many questions.

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B.C.'s Brodi Henderson, now 20, at the 2013 U.S. Sumo Open in California. DUSTIN SNIPES/USA SUMO

Canadian is a sumo star in Japan

TOKYO

Victoria man left football for traditional Asian sport

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325

At age 13, Henderson was already six-foot-five, weighed 325 pounds and could bench-press over 300 pounds.

At six-foot-seven and 360 pounds, athlete Brodi Henderson has always been the biggest guy on the team.

Now, the 20-year-old from Victoria, B.C., is using his size and strength to his advantage as the only North American to be accepted into the Japanese Professional Sumo Association.

"He's really strong," his father Lee Henderson told Metro. "He benches over 500 pounds."

Henderson secured his spot in the league last September when he won the open-weight class at the U.S. Sumo Open in California.

He moved to Tokyo in February where he was accepted onto one of the country's 48 sumo teams — an already impressive feat within itself, said Lee.

"Each team is only allowed to have one foreigner," he said. "There are only about eight foreigners in all of Japanese pro sumo."

Henderson has been in Japan for only two months but already, his presence is making waves. With his towering stature, it's hard for him to go unnoticed, said Lee.

"When we showed up at the airport, there was a news crew there waiting for us," he said. "He was on the front page of a couple of newspapers before we got there."

Henderson first entered into the sport at the age of 15.

A keen hockey and football player, Lee said his son's size didn't always work in his favour.

At 13, Henderson was already six-foot-five, weighed 325 pounds and could bench-press over 300 pounds. Coaches were concerned that he could unintentionally injure his teammates.

Henderson first tried his hand at judo, but even in that sport, Lee said it was difficult to find opponents in his weight category.

FUNDING

RCMP put more into terror investigations

The RCMP has been forced to shuffle more cash and officers into terrorism investigations as Ottawa's contribution has remained static over the last decade, documents show.

The Mounties diverted $22.9 million from other operations to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSETs) in 2013-14.

The RCMP's share of INSET funding has been steadily rising from $717,000 in 2003 to more than $20 million for each of the last three fiscal years.

Meanwhile, the federal government's contribution to INSETs has remained static at $10 million a year since 2003.

The documents state investigators have been reassigned, on a temporary basis, from "dedicated special investigative teams, surveillance, undercover teams, technical intercepts, analytical support, wiretap warrants and production orders."

NUMBERS

- **$717,716:** RCMP's contribution to INSETs in 2003-2004.
- **$22,864,779:** RCMP's contribution to INSETs in 2013-2014.

In an appearance before a Commons committee in March, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson told MPs that the force has sufficient resources — but other investigations move to the backburner as a result of the shuffling.

"Yes, we have enough resources to deal with the threat we're facing, but . . . we're taking now a little over 600 resources from other areas of our federal responsibility to transfer those full-time equivalent positions into the counter-terrorism world," Paulson said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MILITARY

CF-18s bomb first ISIL targets in Syria

Canadian warplanes have bombed their first targets in Syria, Defence Minister Jason Kenney announced online late Wednesday.

The milestone event came out via the minister's Twitter account and even seemed to get out ahead of the military, which had not posted news of the strike on its website before it hit social media.

Kenney says on Twitter that two CF-18s struck an Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) garrison in Ar-Raqqah, which is about 160 kilometres east of the embattled city of Aleppo.

It is nominally considered the capital of the extremist organization known as ISIL and has been on the receiving end of American air strikes in the past.

Kenney provided no other details, other than to say Canada's role in Syria is to help ensure the group has no safe haven.

A press release issued by National Defence late Wednesday said the Canadian jets were part of a larger formation of 10 coalition aircraft, including six U.S. warplanes.

The nationality of the two remaining aircraft was not disclosed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duffy trial focusing on primary residence

EXPENSE SCANDAL

Day 2: Both sides looking to define terms

Suspended senator Mike Duffy leaves court after the second day of his trial in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In a trial expected to delve deep into the often murky rules of the Senate, an ordinary dictionary played a key role Wednesday during suspended senator Mike Duffy's second day in court.

The definition both sides were in search of: what it means for a place to be someone's primary residence.

It's a key element in the case. The 31 charges Duffy faces include allegations that he fraudulently claimed living expenses for a home in an Ottawa suburb, where he spent most of his time, while declaring a summer house in P.E.I. as his primary residence.

Retired Senate law clerk Mark Audcent was the Crown's first witness, telling the court that as part of his job, he briefed every new senator as part of an orientation process designed to provide an overview of the requirements of the job.

To be appointed a senator, court heard, a person must meet certain criteria, including being a resident of the province from which they were appointed.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Dec. 22, 2008 that Duffy would become a senator for Prince Edward Island.

Audcent told the court that in Duffy's orientation session — which took place the next day — he wouldn't have gone specifically over what it means to be a resident, saving such detailed discussions for if or when a senator asked for more information.

But by his own estimation, Audcent said, determining residency requires considering a set of indicators, among them where a person primarily lives, where they pay their taxes and get government services such as a health care and where they socialize, doing things like going to church or bowling.

But the meaning of residence has never been defined, either in the Constitution or by the Senate, Audcent acknowledged during cross-examination by Duffy's lawyer, Donald Bayne.

Bayne put pages of the concise Oxford English Dictionary in front of Audcent, having him read the definition of primary as "of chief importance or principal."

So, since the constitutionality of Duffy's appointment hinged on him being a resident of P.E.I., it must de facto be his "primary" residence, Bayne said.

"The minute his status changed form being a private journalist broadcaster to being a parliamentary, an appointed senator, the chiefly important residence for his status was P.E.I.," said Bayne.

"The one he needs to maintain, yes," answered Audcent, who had earlier told the court that in terms of determining residence there was no minimum number of days required to be spent in a home province.

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MEMO

Mark Audcent was shown a memo which dealt with the section of the Constitution that talks about the need for a senator to be resident in the province represented.

The memo noted that the Senate is master of its own house when it comes to deciding what residency means and that no one had ever been disqualified from sitting in the Senate over a residency question, provided they continued to own property in the province they represented.

The memo said if a senator told the upper chamber he or she was a resident of a particular province, everyone accepted it.

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South Carolina officer fired and charged with murder

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mayor orders police to wear body cameras

A white South Carolina police officer who claimed he killed an unarmed black man in self-defence has been fired, the city's mayor announced Wednesday, a day after the release of a video showing the officer firing eight shots at the fleeing man's back.

The mayor also announced that he had ordered body cameras to be worn by every single officer on the force in North Charleston.

Protests began within hours of the murder charge against Michael Thomas Slager.

"I have watched the video. And I was sickened by what I saw. And I have not watched it since," Police Chief Eddie Driggers said. He was interrupted by chants of "no justice, no peace" and other shouted questions that he and the mayor said they could not answer.

The town will continue to pay for Slager's health insurance because his wife is eight months pregnant, said Mayor Keith Summey, who called the incident a tragedy for two families.

About 75 people gathered outside City Hall, led by Black Lives Matter, a group formed after the fatal shooting of another black man in Ferguson, Mo.

"Eight shots in the back!" local organizer Muhiydin D'Baha shouted through a bullhorn. The crowd yelled, "In the back!" in response.

The video recorded by an unidentified bystander shows North Charleston Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager dropping his Taser, pulling out his Glock pistol and firing at Walter Lamer Scott from a distance as he runs away.

The 50-year-old man falls after the eighth shot.

The dead man's father, Walter Scott Sr., said Wednesday that the officer "looked like he was trying to kill a deer running through the woods."

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In this April 4, 2015, frame from video provided by Attorney L. Chris Stewart, representing the family of Walter Lamer Scott, Scott appears to be running away from City Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager, right, in North Charleston, S.C. COURTESY OF L. CHRIS STEWART/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"I almost couldn't look at it to see my son running defencelessly, being shot. It just tore my heart to pieces.**
>
> Judy Scott, the slain man's mother, on ABC's Good Morning America

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

Tsarnaev guilty on 30 charges

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was convicted by a federal jury Wednesday on all charges in the Boston Marathon bombing; that jury now must decide whether the 21-year-old former college student should be executed.

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In the trial's next phase, which could begin as early as Monday, the jury will hear evidence on whether Tsarnaev should get the death penalty or spend the rest of his life in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The two shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line on April 15, 2013, killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 other people, turning the traditionally celebratory home stretch of the world-famous race into a scene of carnage and putting the city on edge for days.

Tsarnaev was found responsible not only for those deaths but for the killing of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer who was gunned down days later.

In the trial's next phase, which could begin as early as Monday, the jury will hear evidence on whether Tsarnaev should get the death penalty or spend the rest of his life in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INSIDER ATTACK

Afghan soldier opens fire and kills one American, wounds two

An Afghan soldier shot and killed a U.S. soldier and wounded two others Wednesday before being shot dead, the first so-called "insider attack" to target NATO troops since they ended their combat mission at the start of the year.

The shooting happened after Afghan provincial leaders met a U.S. Embassy official at the compound of the Nangarhar provincial governor in the city of Jalalabad. All U.S. Embassy staff were accounted for and safe, the diplomatic mission said.

"Right after the U.S. official had left, suddenly an Afghan army soldier opened fire on the U.S. soldiers who were present in the compound," said Afghan Gen. Fazel Ahmad Sherzad, the police chief for eastern Nangarhar province.

The American troops returned fire, killing the Afghan soldier, whom Sherzad identified as Abdul Azim of Laghman province. The motive for his attack was not immediately known and no group claimed responsibility for the assault. In past attacks, Taliban insurgents have been known to wear Afghan police or military uniforms to stage attacks on the international troops. Others have opened fire apparently on their own accord, like an Afghan soldier who last year killed Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene, the highest-ranked U.S. officer to be slain in combat since 1970 in the Vietnam War.

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Chris "Brolga" Barnes. The nickname"Brolga" means crane — so chosen because Barnes is six-foot-seven. CONTRIBUTED

Australia's kangaroo saviour

ANIMAL SANCTUARY

'Brolga' found a dead mother with a baby in her pouch

The first time Chris "Brolga" Barnes rescued an almost-dead baby kangaroo, he didn't know what to do. He just knew he had to do something.

That was nine years ago, when he was working as a tour guide in Australia's Northern Territory and saw an adult kangaroo lying in the middle of a highway. She was dead, likely killed days earlier. Whimpering in her pouch was her baby, while scavenging birds circled overhead.

Barnes took the baby home, named her Palau and nursed her for months. About a year later, he released her into the wild.

That is the short version of how Barnes, the six-foot-seven man with a big smile, first became a surrogate mom, then a heartthrob worldwide.

("Brolga" is an aboriginal word for a crane — so chosen because Barnes is so tall.)

He has since rescued more than 200 orphans, started a sanctuary outside Alice Springs and even starred in a documentary, Kangaroo Dundee. Now he is about to start work on building a hospital for wildlife — kangaroos, camels — whatever size or shape they come in.

There are currently 35 kangaroos at the sanctuary — some are babies, some as old as 10. For the babies, he creates faux pouches of canvas bags, blankets or pillow cases that resemble a kangaroo mother's pouch.

"The babies need to be kept warm, so they go everywhere I go," he says.

Usually he has a couple of them sleeping with him at night, either snuggling with him or at his feet.

The sanctuary — 90 acres of bushland — is untouched so that the kangaroos feel like they are in a natural habitat before they are released into the wild.

Of the more than 200 kangaroo orphans he has rescued, most have survived.

They are orphaned either by hunters in the bush or by speeding cars on roads.

Adult kangaroos are tall and not hard to miss on the road, says Barnes. But they tend to nibble at grass on the shoulders and often dart without any warning, resulting in accidents.

Kangaroos are released from the sanctuary when they are 14 months old, usually in groups so they have better odds of survival. Except for Roger.

"He's the alpha male, the biggest and the baddest..." says Barnes. Roger, he says, is aggressive and constantly attacks him. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OBAMAS

U.S. Secret Service offers driving lessons

Some teenagers get driving lessons from their parents. Other teens are taught by licensed instructors.

But Malia Obama isn't your average 16-year-old: her driving lessons were provided by the U.S. Secret Service.

Asked who taught Malia how to drive, first lady Michelle Obama told celebrity chef and daytime talk-show host Rachael Ray in an interview that it was the armed agents who provide around-the-clock security for the family.

"The Secret Service, actually, because they wouldn't let me in the car with her," Mrs. Obama said in an excerpt of the interview that was released by Ray's program. The full interview is set to air Thursday.

Mrs. Obama hasn't driven herself in seven or eight years, she said.

She added that driving gives Malia "a sense of normalcy," helping her feel like the rest of her friends who are also driving. "And my kids have got to learn how to live in the world like normal kids."

When Ray says that the Obamas seem "so grounded," the first lady replies that her "hope is just to make sure that they (her daughters) come out of this thing as functioning adults, you know?"

Mrs. Obama, whose younger daughter Sasha is 13, said Malia also drives herself around Washington.

"She always has security around but in order for her to learn how to drive she had to drive on her own," the first lady said during a separate interview on "Live! With Kelly and Michael" earlier this week.

"So once she was legally permitted to drive on her own, she gets in her car."

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Temp workers hard to replace

EMPLOYMENT

Canadians aren't applying to fill vacant positions

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

Over the past seven years, Grant McCurdy has staffed about 25 housekeeping and janitorial positions with temporary workers from other countries at the DoubleTree Hotel in Edmonton.

While he estimates 90 per cent of those workers now have Canadian citizenship and still work at the hotel, on April 1 McCurdy and many other Edmonton businesspeople lost temporary employees, when changes to the federal temporary worker program went into effect and tens of thousands of workers, including up to 16,000 in Alberta, were sent to their home countries.

McCurdy has lost three employees following the changes in positions that he said won't be easy to fill. "We're definitely feeling the impact," he said. "We pay the going rate, but it's not a high-paying field, and we're finding local people don't want the work. With camps closing in the oil patch, we thought we'd get a rush of applicants, but it's not happening."

Recruiting people to fill jobs is one of the industry's biggest problems, according to Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association president and CEO Dave Kaiser. He said workforce issues are on the agenda at the group's upcoming convention and town hall.

"It's a permanent problem — having to do more with less people," McCurdy said, pointing to the resulting move toward automated services in many hotels, like automated check-in and choosing your room on your cellphone. There are now even discounts for choosing infrequent housekeeping service — every two or three days instead of daily.

A housekeeping worker looks for rooms to clean at the DoubleTree Hotel. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

"Margins aren't great in the hotel business. We all have to look at ways to save labour," McCurdy said. "But it's a shame to lose good workers. We had to put people on return flights that have been here for several years. They have no jobs to go home to, but there's nothing we can do."

Half of the workers sent home worked in low-wage service-sector jobs and thousands more in the construction industry.

"The change means employers in the low-wage service sector will have to pay higher wages. Our economy simply can't tolerate a two-tiered labour market," said Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) president Gil McGowan.

While some 70,000 temporary workers are still in Alberta, McGowan said the AFL is calling for the program to be scrapped completely.

"The changes to the program are a significant step in the right direction," McGowan said.

"We don't want to see any more TFW permits for low-wage employers, but the workers who are already here should be allowed to stay."

HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS

Entrepreneur sees crickets as protein

Cricket-based protein powder is the next frontier for health enthusiasts thanks to an adventurous Winnipeg entrepreneur.

"Before we started making this I was putting raw crickets in my smoothies every morning," said Alex Drysdale, owner of Crik Nutrition and creator of what he says is Canada's first cricket protein powder.

Drysdale started playing around with the business idea last fall, when he realized the protein-rich bugs were underrepresented in the health supplement market.

A pound of crickets has twice the protein than a pound of beef and three times as much iron. Crickets also grow faster and require much less food, water and land than cows. Crik Nutrition gets its crickets from a farm in Ontario called Next Millenium Farms, which specializes in producing edible bugs.

Despite so many positives, squeamishness is a major barrier for bug-based foods. "It's pretty polarizing. I either get people who are really excited to try it or people who say they would never eat a bug," said Drysdale.

Drysdale is launching a Kickstarter campaign later this month to get Crik Nutrition off the ground. The protein powder will be available online soon if he can meet his $10,000 goal.

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Alex Drysdale of Crik Nutrition holds up a dead cricket.
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Tories plan balanced budget legislation

Cabinet ministers would see their pay docked five per cent if the federal government fails to balance its books under proposed legislation. In addition, a deficit would spark an automatic operating freeze, said Finance Minister Joe Oliver, as he announced plans for a balanced-budget law promised in 2013.

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PRO CON

Should we have a national pharmacare program?

YES: Canada's system is fragmented and inefficient

Every developed country with a universal health-care system has universal coverage of prescription drugs — except Canada. Without adequate coverage, one in 10 Canadians can't afford to take their prescriptions as written. Having multiple drug plans in every province decreases our purchasing power on the world market and increases admin costs. This leads to at least $4 billion in unnecessary costs every year. The proof that it would work is found in countries like the U.K., which provides universal coverage of necessary medicines at prices far lower than Canada, while attracting five times as much R&D on a per capita basis.

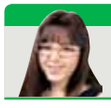
Steve Morgan is a professor with UBC and the founder of Pharmacare 2020.

NO: Sounds great on paper but won't work in reality

1. Health care is clearly a provincial area of jurisdiction. 2. There's a perpetual tendency for those favouring new spending to make extremely optimistic cost assumptions. Costs are usually much higher. 3. Our system is one of the most expensive in the world. Maybe we need to look at fundamental reform rather than embedding pharmacare in a mediocre system. 4. Lowering costs puts downward pressure on pharma profits, which discourages investment in new drugs. Alternatively, they will inflate prices in other markets. Are we OK with people in other countries being charged through the nose so we can have cheap drugs?

Aaron Wudrick is the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Urban Outfitters' smudge kit an insensitive offering



Danielle Paradis

This week, Urban Outfitters came under scrutiny for its sale of a "Local Branch Smudge Kit" ($39.99 on sale from $52.00), a sort of pseudo-ceremonial kit marketed towards hipsters as "energy balancing" that contains a wild turkey smudging feather, stoneware smudging dish, candle and instructions.

Many indigenous people feel this is cultural appropriation. What is the big deal? To start with, there is not just one Native American culture; there are hundreds across the U.S. and Canada. Secondly, repeated missteps by retailers and non-indigenous fashion designers could be avoided if they took the opportunity to engage with indigenous communities in an authentic way, instead of commodifying and misappropriating sacred symbols. Simply put: if Urban Outfitters loves the aboriginal esthetic, maybe they should hire some aboriginal fashion designers and artists.

The manufacturers of the smudge kit are Mackenzie Edgerton and Blaine Vossler, a white couple who call themselves pioneers, live in an Airstream trailer and also sell Old West-inspired cellphone holsters, bison beanies and shirts featuring buffalo and Native American arrowheads.

Reducing a sacred symbol for aboriginals to *Product SKU No. 34519397* is problematic, says Max FineDay, president of the Students' Union at the University of Saskatchewan. FineDay, a young aboriginal man, grew up around indigenous activism. His involvement with indigenous issues is primarily in politics, but he doesn't miss a chance to speak out against cultural appropriation.

"The smudge kit shows a deep, deep ignorance about indigenous ceremonies, protocols and laws that exist around use of medicine," FineDay said. "Selling a 'kit' that they market as a New Age/native-inspired answer to relieving stress from your nine-to-five grind is deeply disrespectful for those of us who still practise our traditional ceremonies."

The kit is just the latest misstep for Urban Outfitters. Last year, it found itself in legal trouble for its tacky line of "Navajo Hipster" panties and flasks. The Navajo Nation filed a lawsuit alleging breach of trademark and violations under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, which prohibits misleading marketing of American Indian goods in the U.S. As of press time, the smudge kit has been quietly taken down from Urban Outfitters' website. They could not be reached for comment.

It gets tiring to call out corporations for appropriating aboriginal symbols. Whether it's war bonnets or smudge kits, after repeated offenses, they should know better. Says FineDay: "There's an opportunity here for Urban Outfitters to change what is accepted in the fashion industry. They should rise to the challenge."

Danielle Paradis is a writer from Edmonton. She writes about aboriginal issues, gender, education and pop culture.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The ocean makes me inconsequential, and yet somehow complete

Clouds crowded over the stone buildings as I walked into work yesterday morning.

Dark, drizzling rain and wind — it felt like my home by the sea.

I left Victoria years ago, moved between landlocked cities and ended up in the Big Smoke, or maybe the Big Cement.

And I have never stopped yearning for the ocean. To smell it. To look out at the horizon, the water frothed and steel grey. Or look out at the lack of a horizon on white days when the sky and sea are indistinguishable.

It's more than a nice view: The ocean strips away thoughts and settles me. It dwarfs my small life by its size and power, makes me inconsequential, and yet somehow complete.

It's the exact opposite of a city's crowded sidewalks fenced in by skyscrapers, bumping shoulders with the competitors. The city judges. It demands that you constantly be someone, do something, worthwhile.

Mike O'Brien — a man I've never met — also feels the ocean's pull.

He has long lived in Winnipeg, is dying of cancer, and he recently returned home to Victoria.

"You spend the rest of your life trying to get back," Mike told a reporter who happened upon him, his son and wife by the water.

"I thought, okay, if I have time for one last trip (and my doctor told me I don't) where do I want to go? I want to come back here and see it one last time," he said.

It would be my last trip, too.

Sometimes, I look out at Lake Ontario and try to imagine it's the ocean. Sometimes when I hear a seagull's shriek I am, for a split second, on a rocky shore in B.C. at high tide.

On recent trips home, I've waded into frigid winter water just to feel the soft buoyancy, and taste the tang of seaweed and salt. It's not enough to look at the ocean, sometimes, for the worries to fade. I want to be swallowed.

"When I look out beyond the island, I like to imagine sailing off and not looking back," my sister, who lives in Vancouver, told me.

The horizon does draw you out to it. Out to nowhere, really, or everywhere.

And the tide doesn't care if you're there. When it's violent, it is not angry. When it's placid, it is not happy. It's never sad. It's never questioning. It never answers.

You are to it like a log. Accepted, not even for who you are, but simply for existing. And don't we all want that? That most seductive, liberating feeling. I will never stop seeking it.

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Fashion's new poster girls

ADVERTISING

Why major brands hire middle-aged beauties

Mature women are having a moment.

With her silver hair styled into a severe bob, clad all in black with huge sunglasses, 80-year-old author Joan Didion cuts a striking figure in the new ads for Celine.

A guitar-strumming, floppy hat-wearing Joni Mitchell, 71, fronts Saint Laurent's Music Project. Meanwhile Madonna, 56, has been posing for Versace, Julia Roberts, 47, is the face of Givenchy and Italian actress Monica Bellucci, 50, will soon be the oldest ever Bond girl.

But critics question whether this signals a real change in attitudes, or if it's simply the latest shock tactic by a fashion industry that will never give up its love of youth.

The senior market is "one of the most powerful consumer groups in mid- to long-term", said Magdalena Kondej, an analyst for Euromonitor International.

"This approach would also seem the best option for apparel brands and there is no shortage of poster girls for older, glamorous women," Kondej added.

On the catwalks, even if former supermodels Amber Valletta, 41, and Eva Herzigova, 42, both took to the runways in Paris in January, skinny young women still rule.

But Sylvie Fabregon, who runs the Masters and Silver agencies for older models in the French capital, says she is seeing increased demand for more mature women.

"People are not stupid — women have had enough of seeing 20-year-old girls in adverts for cosmetics to fight wrinkles they don't have," she said.

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Degunst was a writer and publisher in her native France, but struggled to find work on moving to Britain and has embraced her new career.

"We're not in competition with the young girls, but I think it makes a nice contrast. It's interesting to mix things up."

Artist, writer and curator Sue Kreitzman insists that older women are becoming more visible in all public spheres, and even goes so far as to call it an "older lady revolution."

"It's happening slowly, but it really, really is happening," said the 75-year-old London-based New Yorker.

Kreitzman praises the Celine pictures for showing "that older people are here, we're beautiful — we count".

"What I love about it is that Joan Didion doesn't look (even) slightly bit young. She's gorgeous and she's an old lady," she told AFP. AFP

47
Julia Roberts

41
Amber Valletta

Sylviane Degunst, 56, was spotted by a model scout two years ago on a London street, and has since appeared in photo shoots for high-fashion brands as well as other adverts.

42
Eva Herzigova

Slim, although not tall, she has killer cheekbones and hair that has been white since she was 18.

56
Madonna

Versatile denim gets an update

SPRING-SUMMER 2015

This season's star fabric goes beyond jeans

Along with floral prints and military-style pieces, denim is a key trend this spring. And judging by the latest runway shows, the trend is set to continue through summer and into fall. Whether worn all over (the "Canadian tuxedo" look) or paired with more high-end materials such as lace, denim is everywhere this season, taking us back to the 1990s, only with more modern tailoring.

In jackets, skirts (mini or long), dresses, and jeans, denim is taking over everyone's wardrobe this season. The iconic fabric is the star of the season, whether raw, washed, printed, dyed or ripped.

Perennial runway staple

Last September, during the Spring-Summer 2015 fashion weeks in Paris, Milan, New York and London, denim made an appearance in nearly every show, not just those of jeans specialists.

There were denim jackets from Burberry Prorsum, denim skirts from Kenzo and even denim culottes from Stella McCartney. Gucci paired its denim jeans with tone-on-tone jean jackets. The French label Leonard, which presented a number of pieces in printed denim, combined the fabric with lace in playsuits, shirts and shorts.

Tie-ups galore

Confirming the current hype over the famously sturdy fabric, several labels have announced high-profile partnerships related to their new or existing denim lines, including spokesmodel deals and tie-ups with other labels for collections.

The latest and greatest of these collaborations is Italian design label Giambattista Valli teaming up with American jeans brand 7 For All Mankind. Presented during Milan fashion week, the capsule collection is full of vibrant colours and animal motifs that elevate denim to luxury apparel.

Finally, longtime denim specialists are attempting to maintain their edge through innovation. Pepe Jeans has come out with its Vacuum Seal, a skin-tight jean designed to hug and sculpt the legs, while Kaporal is touting its new ExtenDenim, designed to offer total freedom of movement and optimal comfort. AFP

A model walks the runway at the Lala Berlin show during the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Days Zurich show in November. At left: J.Crew cropped jeans. VITTORIO ZUNINO CELOTTO/GETTY IMAGES; LEFT: MCV/TNS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DESIGN

There's a restaurant inside this truck

The Peugeot Le Bistrot du Lion Foodtruck opens up for a full dining experience. PEUGEOT

Le Bistrot du Lion is a fully functioning food truck concept that offers space for up to 30 diners as well as chefs and a DJ and will be going into service at Milan Design Week.

The French may have been a little slower than North Americans to embrace the concept of the food truck, but Peugeot's latest concept shows that they're clearly making up for lost time. It could influence the growing food truck scene in Canada's urban markets as well.

Dubbed "Le Bistrot du Lion" by the team at the Peugeot Design Lab, the concept is much more than just a stripped-out and refitted van. Instead, working from a brief that demanded a complete dining experience, the food truck literally splits in two to create a kitchen and a dining space.

"We wanted to create a complete food truck experience, not only creating a kitchen for the chef, but a restaurant and café for the customers. A lot of attention was given to opening up the kitchen and allowing the chef and food preparation to be as close to the public as possible," Cathal Loughnane, head of Peugeot Design Lab. "We also wanted to create a real sense of surprise as the compact Peugeot Foodtruck transforms into an amphitheatre-like dining space." AFP

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Stine: 'It's great to be killing teens again'

TEEN LIT

Author tells Metro how Twitter revived Fear Street

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York

R.L. Stine loves Twitter. The scary story writer not only used it to write an entire short story in rapid-fire tweets last Halloween, he uses it to interact with fans who were kept up all night reading his books in the '80s and '90s. Now, Stine is releasing Don't Stay Up Late, the second book in his revived Fear Street series next month:

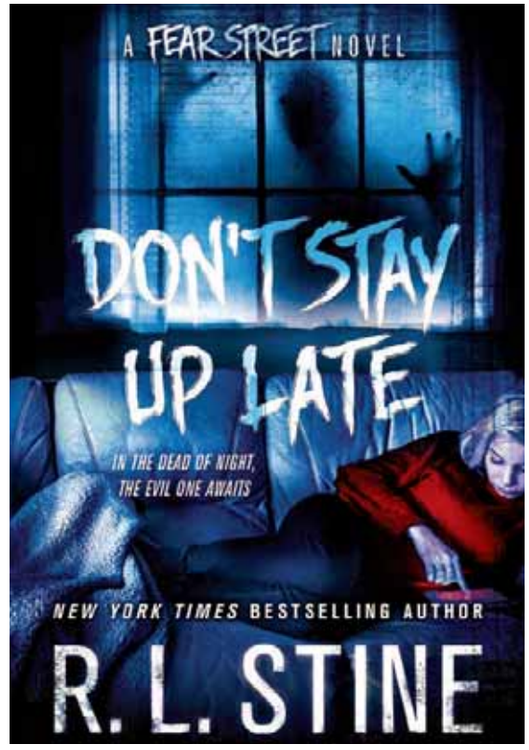
What went into the decision to revive Fear Street?
I did about 80 Fear Street books in the '80s and '90s and I just thought I had killed off enough teenagers for a while, so I stopped writing them for about 20 years. But my fans on Twitter kept asking me to write another one. I was really honest and told them that I had taken (Fear Street) to some publishers, but no one was interested. Ten minutes later, (an editor) at St. Martin's tweeted me and said she was interested. So, it's great to be killing teens again.

And Don't Stay Up Late is the second book in the revived series.
Right. I hadn't written a Fear Street book in 20 years, so I had to get out my map of Shadyside and remember the history, because there's this enormous backstory. I came up with a bunch of ideas and pitched them. The first one was Party Games, and Don't Stay Up Late is the second one. Wait until you read the third ... It has the most gruesome scene I've ever written.

When you wrote the original series, how fast were the books coming out?
Every month. People don't believe it, but I was actually writing two books a month, a Fear Street book and a Goosebumps book ... The excitement of having these bestsellers was so exhilarating.

The '90s had this obsession with Goosebumps, and shows like Are You Afraid Of The Dark? Why do you think kids were obsessed with being scared?
It was a fad for one thing. Kids want to do what other kids are doing. But when I asked kids what they liked about the books — because I didn't get it — they all said it was because they liked to be scared. I realized that people like to be scared if they know they are safe.

And what about you? Why do you love telling these stories?
This is what I do. I've been writing since I was nine. I was this weird kid in my room typing all the time. ... But I love these stories. I love thinking of new chapter endings. All my chapters end with a cliffhanger. I started out writing humor and writing a cliffhanger is the same thing as writing a punchline.



> **This is what I do. I've been writing since I was nine. I was this weird kid in my room typing all the time.**
> R.L. Stine

Did you like scary stories when you were a kid?
Yeah, I did. When I was a kid, there were these scary comics called Tales From The Crypt and The Vaults of Horror. They were creepy, but also really funny and they had all these great twist endings. They were very influential for me.

50 SHADES EFFECT

Self-published erotica scores $7M contract

Meredith Wild CONTRIBUTED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A million-selling, self-published author has a $7 million book deal. Forever, a romance imprint of Hachette Book Group, announced this week that it had signed 32-year-old Meredith Wild, whose Hacker erotic series has appeared on numerous best-seller lists.

Forever is reissuing the four current Hacker books as ebooks on Tuesday and as paperbacks on May 12.

The fifth and final book, Hard Love, is coming out in September. Wild's agent, Kimberly Brower, said the deal was worth $7 million.

According to Forever, the series not only has sold more than one million ebooks, but also around 200,000 copies in paper, a rarity for self-published works.
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BOOK NOTES

Google wins patent for spoiler-free surfing

A patent was awarded to Google this week for a program that would track your progress with content such as movies, books and TV shows and block social media posts that could carry spoilers. The patent, as spotted by Quartz, would blur out the potentially offending post, and a warning would pop up, asking the user if they want to read it. It is not clear which social networks Google would hope to integrate with, nor whether the company has real plans to develop the service. AFP

New e-reader weighs the same as a sushi roll

The new Kobo Glo HD, boasting a high-resolution screen, will begin rolling out May 1.It has a 300ppi, 6" Carta E Ink HD touch screen and a one-gigahertz processor, plus four GB of storage and a weight of 180 grams — "about the same as a sushi roll," says the company. The Glo HD will retail for $129.99.
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The quiet stillness that is Jon Snow

Kit Harington plays Ned Stark's illegitimate son Jon Snow in Game of Thrones, which starts up again this Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

GAME OF THRONES

Actor gives a cerebral slant to a show full of battles

"Quiet" and "still" aren't words you might associate with Game of Thrones. HBO's epic fantasy, set in the make-believe continent of Westeros, typically swirls with warring armies, forbidding landscape, even fire-breathing dragons.

But Jon Snow embodies the meditative quality that regularly quells words and movement by the characters in favour of a moody immersion in this vast realm for the audience.

Through this universe roams Jon Snow, the illegitimate son of Lord Ned Stark and an outcast, a brooding warrior with haunted eyes, shaggy curls and a rosebud mouth from which few words issue.

That's the way Kit Harington, who plays Jon, likes it, as Thrones begins its fifth season Sunday at 9 p.m. EST on HBO.

"He's not a complicated character," says Harington, a compact but buff Brit of 28 whose earnest, subdued manner at an interview this week seems not so far removed from Jon's.

But that, perhaps, is where the similarity ends.

"There's a lot of turmoil, a lot of frustration and rage churning inside Jon — and that's where he keeps it," says Harington.

"He doesn't overthink what's going on with him. He's not a modern man. He's not seeing a shrink."

Jon Snow looms large in a crush of characters portrayed by an evolving ensemble of stars who also include Peter Dinklage, Lena Headey, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Emilia Clarke. And while the scale of the series is vast, so is the inspiration: the five-and-counting novels by George R.R. Martin in the A Song of Ice and Fire series.

Harington was signed for Game of Thrones at its pilot stage following his run in the West End production of the hit play War Horse — which he had landed soon after graduating from London's Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. Thrones became his first television role.

It might have just been fate.

"What I've always responded to when watching actors is their stillness. When they're not making too many choices. When they're concentrating on what's going on up here" — he taps his temple — "rather than showing everybody what's going on with gestures. I believe in stillness, and that's how I like acting myself. Not doing too much.

"Maybe that's what they wanted for Jon."

Shooting Thrones consumes roughly half of each year, and during his annual hiatus he has snagged other projects. One of them, his 2014 film Testament of Youth, will get its U.S. release in June.

"It's a beautiful and harrowing true story of a young woman who lost all the men in her life in the First World War," says Harington, who plays one of those men, starring alongside Alicia Vikander (Anna Karenina). "It's a good, old-fashioned weepie, and I got to wear a wig and no beard, which was refreshing."

But acting may not be forever, he cautions, "and I have to look ahead and figure what I want to do. I don't sit back and think that I want to be an actor for life. It has to keep proving itself that it's fulfilling me. Otherwise, why am I doing it?"

Thrones is renewed through at least a sixth season, which starts production in July, he says.

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> **"The part that feels real for me is doing the show. Walking onto set with CGI giants and talking about Valyrian steel — that's the most real part of my life."**
>
> Kit Harington on the present state of his life

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A case of vanishing letters between Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie reportedly had the actor in "a panic." GETTY IMAGES

Brangelina's words of woe whip up ado

QUELLE HORREUR!

Private letters reportedly go missing from French estate

Ned Ehrbar
In Hollywood

Well, this is awkward. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie could see their most intimate secrets revealed if a collection of correspondence between the two that went missing from their estate in France two years ago ever surfaces, according to the National Enquirer.

Oh, and the whole thing is reportedly Pitt's fault. "Brad went into a panic because he couldn't find them. He's terrified that they were lifted by someone who wants to publicly humiliate them," a source says.

The letters in question go up to 2013, when things weren't going so great, apparently.

"Late 2013 was the low point in their relationship," the source allegedly explains. "Brad was open about how he worried Angie might fall for a woman again, and he even brought up her previous issues with drugs."

OK, two things: One, this "source" seems to know an awful lot about the contents of the missing letters, which is more than a little suspicious. And two, the main takeaway here is that Pitt and Jolie actually write letters to each other, which is ridiculously endearing. I bet they even slip into casual French every now and then.

'90S UPDATE

She's all that again

Hollywood is out of ideas, as evidenced once again: The Weinstein Company and Miramax are working on a remake of the 1999 teen rom com She's All That, and honestly, doesn't Paul Walker's memory deserve better? The update will reportedly be directed by Spike Lee's wife, Tonya Lewis Lee, according to the Wrap. Also, not to get all nitpicky and film snobbish, but She's All That was already sort of a remake of My Fair Lady, which was a remake of Pygmalion, so would this truly be a remake? NED EHRBAR/METRO

Who asked for a She's All That remake? HANDOUT

JUST KIDDING

Noah no thief: Peters

Canadian comedy giant Russell Peters is stepping back from comments in which he accused incoming Daily Show host Trevor Noah of stealing his material.

The Brampton, Ont.-bred comic told a reporter with Channel NewsAsia's show Conversation With that Noah is a "thief."

But after the story was picked up by news outlets around the world, Peters took to Twitter to dismiss the accusations as nothing more than a joke.

He tweeted to Noah: "I can't believe how gullible the media are! Next time I'll choose a less awkward time to prank U!"

Peters can be seen making the comments in a videotaped interview from Singapore making the rounds online.

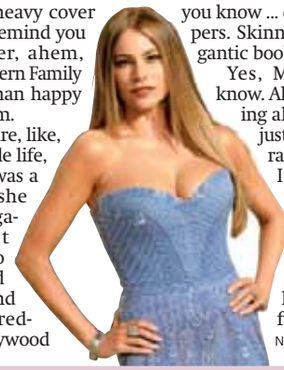
The apparent joke follows similar allegations levelled at Noah from another comic, David Kau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOFIA VERGARA

Big bosom 'not fun'

Sofia Vergara is all over the latest issue of Vanity Fair, and in case the cleavage-heavy cover photo didn't remind you enough of her, ahem, assets, the Modern Family star is more than happy to discuss them.

"My boobs are, like, huge. My whole life, buying a bra was a nightmare," she tells the magazine. "What I used to do when I moved to L.A., I found places like Frederick's of Hollywood that make bras for streetwalkers.... I can't think of the word ... you know ... dancers ... strippers. Skinny girls with gigantic boobs."



Yes, Ms. Vergara. I know. Also! Don't go being all jealous of her just because of said rack. "Believe me, I wish I had fake boobs. I lay down and they completely go down like all the way, like here. It's not fun," she says. NED EHRBAR/METRO

BOOK NOTES

Jessica Seinfeld to serve up another cookbook, humour

Jessica Seinfeld is ready to guide you in the kitchen one more time.

The wife of comedian Jerry Seinfeld is writing two new books for Ballantine Books, an imprint of Random House. The first, a cookbook, will be released in fall 2016; the second will be a collection of humorous essays and observations. She has written three bestselling cookbooks, one the target of a plagiarism lawsuit that was later dismissed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Over one in four U.S. adults now live in households without landlines. AFP

What they're a$king

The term bungalow originated in India and has come to mean a single or one-and-a-half-storey, smaller, semi-detached home. From the biggest cities to the smallest towns, the ubiquitous bungalow is a popular and affordable alternative to small condos or pricier townhomes across Canada.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

$349,900

Calgary

This two-bedroom, one-bathroom bungalow at 236 — 17 Avenue NE, is a great opportunity for first-time buyers who want a house at condo prices. It's located on a desirable street, one block between Centre Street and Edmonton Trail. Priced at $349,900, "it is one of the least expensive single-family homes available within Calgary's inner-city," says listing agent Bob Dawe, with RE/MAX real estate (Central), 403-276-7653.

$309,900

Winnipeg

Here's a stately bungalow with two bedrooms and two bathrooms at 220 Oustic Ave. Situated in a great neighbourhood with schools and shopping nearby. The asking price is $309,900. The layout includes a large eat-in kitchen open to the living room, recreation room and a laundry room. Upgrades include granite countertops and laminate floors. Listing agents Dustin Marks and Danny De Leeuw are with Royal LePage Dynamic Real Estate, 204-989-5000.

$260,000

Edmonton

Here's a bungalow at 3438 — 120A Ave. in the historic Beacon Heights neighbourhood, just down the road from Abbottsfield Park. This older-style home features a large living room, a wide front window and two bedrooms on the main floor, including a four-piece bathroom. Listing agent Sheldon Johnston is with Liv Real Estate, 780-486-8655.

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The best reads for your renovation

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

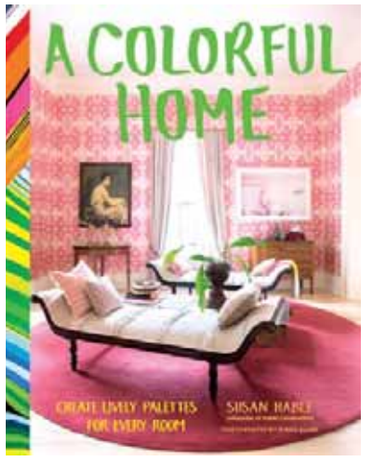
Whether contemplating a redecoration of your condo, a basement renovation or planning a new kitchen or bath, there's a book to get you primed for every project. I went to Chapters Indigo and found these helpful reads.

COLOURS

A Colorful Home: Create Lively Palettes For Every Room

Susan Hable, 2015, Chronicle Books

The author takes the simplest elements from nature and turns those ideas and colours into beautiful rooms. Bright confetti can inspire a multi-tiled wall of bright tile in a bathroom or autumn leaves can inspire a golden-toned family room retreat. From fabric to paint to wallpaper (and more), you will be inspired to incorporate colour into your next decorating project.

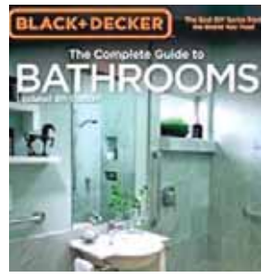


KITCHENS

House Beautiful Kitchens

Lisa Cregan, 2012, Hearst Publishers

There is a section called Stalking The Look where alternative products are suggested to help you borrow the ideas in a more affordable manner. This book is less hands-on practicality and more about discovering inspiration.



BATHROOMS

Black & Decker The Complete Guide To Bathrooms

Updated 4th Edition, 2015, Cool Springs Press

This book is for the handy do-it-yourself type and for those that want to be able to speak a language of renovation with their contractor throughout the bathroom process.

DECORATING

Domino: The Book of Decorating

Dara Caponigro, Deborah Needleman and Sara Ruffin

This is one of the best decorating books on the market; chock full of decor tips, rules and ideas, plus stylist tricks to help finish off a room in style. All from seasoned decorating magazine editors and stylists.

BASEMENTS

Design Ideas for Basements, 2nd Edition

Wayne Kalyn, Fox Chapel Publishing, 2008

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Thinking of buying a house? Take note

Not everything is obvious when buying your first home, so be on alert to ensure you're not caught off guard. SHUTTERSTOCK

TIPS

To do and not to do when considering your first home

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Are you reaching the cusp of financial stability (finally!) and considering buying your first home? You aren't out of the woods just yet.

Buying a home can be rewarding, but there are some dos and don'ts to consider, and not all of them are obvious, said Darcy Mcleod, president of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.

Here are some key steps and pitfalls to watch out for on the way to owning your first home.

FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD

First-time homebuyers will sometimes go out looking at homes before they understand the total costs of buying and owning a home, Mcleod said.

"They'll fall in love with something and find out that they can't afford it, and then the places that they can afford just don't measure up. Make sure you have your financial ducks in a row."

The antidote is to get pre-approved for a mortgage from your lender — a financial institution or mortgage broker.

Also, consider the nitty gritty costs, including mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, utility costs, strata payments and maintenance. Find them all out and do the math before you commit.

ANALYZE YOUR NEEDS

"A mistake a lot of people make is they look at all the shiny pictures on the Internet without thinking of what's truly important in a home," Mcleod said.

This pitfall can waste a lot of time and energy if you are looking at homes that don't suit your lifestyle needs.

DON'T BE A STARRY-EYED IDEALIST

The average first-time homebuyer stays in their home for about five to seven years — not for a lifetime.

When you are looking for a place, if you aim for the absolutely, perfect, forever home, you are probably imposing too many barriers on yourself, Mcleod said.

DON'T OFFEND THE SELLER WITH A LOWBALL OFFER

"The tendency to want to get a really good deal on something can sometimes cause you to get less of a good deal," Mcleod said. "If you're buying a resale home, you have to understand the seller will have some emotional attachment to the home. Your realtor can help you establish what a reasonable value for the home is."

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE INSPECTING

Before you make an offer, you need to know what costs could rear their ugly heads down the road. Get a good home inspector to help give you the down-low.

For a condo, that means making sure whole-building components such as plumbing and heating are in good condition.

Detached homes come with a Pandora's box of issues to watch for — corroded oil tanks buried in the backyard, leaky poly-B plumbing pipes in some '80s homes, or incorrectly installed aluminum wiring that can pose a fire hazard.

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Finding the perfect fit to make it home sweet home

The age of the suburb prevails.

According to according a recent TD survey, when it comes to raising a family, the preferred place to live is the 'burbs.

Despite the consensus, the survey did find a generational divide, with younger Canadians (or 33 per cent of those surveyed) preferring urban living, while older Canadians (or 32 per cent of those surveyed) are opting for small town or rural living. The suburbs are the preference for 31 per cent of respondents.

It's about the importance of 'homefitting' — or finding the right home for whatever stage of life you are at," says Kate Taylor, TD's senior manager of real estate secured lending.

"For example, many younger people clearly see the appeal of urban living, but that can come at a price, which makes it even more important to start saving for the home of your dreams as early as possible," adds Taylor.

Although millennials at 38 per cent and generation X at 36 per cent are more likely to live in a major city, congestion and the high cost of urban living are the main reasons they would be deterred from raising a family there. They would, however, stay in the city, if they could find a family-sized condo, the study says.

"People buying a home in the city, whether it's a condo or a house, need to keep their options open in case they want to move later when their family situation changes," says Taylor.

As trading a smaller home for a bigger one takes careful planning, Taylor recommends products such as tax-free savings accounts and RRSPs, to take advantage of the federal government's Home Buyers' Plan, to prepare for higher monthly mortgage payments, property taxes and other associated costs.

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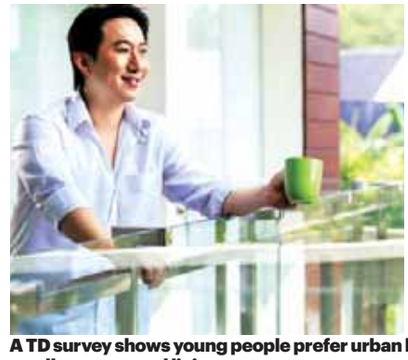

A TD survey shows young people prefer urban living, while older Canadians lean towards small town or rural living. SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES

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Buying a home: it's the first of many big-ticket expenditures

MONEY

Be sure to budget for all those extras

CAMILLA CORNELL
For Metro

Emergency funds help homeowners account for unforeseen expenditures, such as insulation improvements. SHUTTERSTOCK

When Erik and Theresa Tsang bought a three-bedroom townhome in Newmarket, Ont., in 2012, they had already decided it wasn't their forever home.

"We didn't want to put too much money into it," Erik Tsang said. "It was already in fairly decent condition and, because we were planning to have a family, we knew we wanted some place bigger."

Those good intentions didn't hold.

"We had to buy some furniture because ours wasn't enough to fill the space," Tsang said. "And some of what we had didn't fit in the rooms we'd intended for it to go."

The price tag for furniture — about $10,000. Replacing the worn and dated stove cost another $600. Then the air conditioning unit broke, which cost $200 to fix. But the biggest expense of all was the water heater. When it stopped working, the couple was told the piping that fed it was no longer up to code and would have to be replaced. Portions of drywall had to be removed in order to reach the pipes. There went another $1,000.

"Buying a home is an expensive and stressful experience," said Jeffrey Schwartz, executive director of the non-profit Consolidated Credit Counselling Services of Canada. "The sticker price on the home and the closing costs are just the first steps."

In fact, a recent analysis of new homebuyers by the National Association of Home Builders in the U.S. found a home purchase typically triggers a flurry of other expenditures for appliances, furnishings and remodelling. During the first year after closing, the typical buyer spends on average $5,288 on furnishings, $4,279 on renovations and $2,769 on appliances.

Here is how to make sure you don't end up sinking under the weight of debt:

Try to calculate the long-term expenses of running the house

"Typically, when you buy a bigger house, you've got bigger expenses," Schwartz said. "You have a bigger roof and furnace to replace and bigger bills for heat and hydro."

If you haven't compiled a budget, now is the time. You can find a basic budget sheet at consolidatedcredit.ca.

Count on emergencies

Tsang's home was only 10 years old, but "even though we had a home inspector come in and look at it, they're not going to spot things like cracks in the pipes," he said. "You should probably have a buffer in your budget for when things go wrong."

Schwartz suggested having three to six months of living expenses in an emergency fund. Toronto real estate agent Collette Skelly said a small line of credit also does the trick.

Put in some sweat equity

The Tsangs painted their home themselves. Skelly suggested bringing in a gang of friends to do what has to be done. "A case of beer goes a long way," she said.

Opt for gently used

Those ads for new condos with perfectly Zen rooms aren't realistic, Skelly said. "People don't really live like that. They bring in furniture from their own place and from grandma and the parents' house."

Her advice: Make do for a while.

"You don't want to buy a home, a condo or furniture unless you're sure you're going to like it for at least seven years."

You may even leave a few rooms empty. "I have tons of friends who moved into a house and didn't have any furniture in one of the rooms," Schwartz said.

Prioritize the renos

"Paint it all white," Skelly said. "Maybe get a new countertop and replace the terrible old stove and then leave the house alone for a year while you get used to those mortgage payments."

That will give you time to decide on your biggest priorities, whether that's a couple of new windows, a new floor or a countertop. "By that time, you may need a new roof," Skelly said.

Don't get hung up on this year's model

Next year, that model will be passé, Schwartz said. "It costs money to be a first adopter."

Do your research

Are you looking for a specific item, whether it's a couch or a dishwasher? Educate yourself about what features and brand you are seeking. Check out flyers and websites and make a few calls to stores. Online price comparison websites can be a great resource, too, particularly for appliances. Good Canadian sites for electronics include shopbot.ca and pricegrabber.ca.

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No time like now to tee off

FROM THE GREEN

Warm temperatures are helping golfers kick off the season early

CATHERINE ROBERTS
For Metro

When double-digit temperatures hit Western Canada last month, golfers were eager to hit the links.

Word spread that driving ranges, like Winnipeg's Shooters Family Golf Centre, were open for business, and phones began ringing off the hook. Thanks to some unusually warm weather, some golf course greens are ready for putting. And, that's good news for golfers and clubs alike because it means more 'playable' days this season.

Calgary's Fox Hollow Golf Course opened in early March. By mid-month, when weekend temperatures hit 18 C, it was booked to capacity. "We haven't had warm weather like this in a long time," said Greg Griffith, head golf pro at Fox Hollow.

While Ontario and Quebec have more than half of all the nation's golf facilities, the West has a fair number of courses itself, with ongoing new course developments. Seven new courses are currently under construction in Alberta alone.

Wherever Canadians reside, we love golf. There are 2, 346 golf facilities across the country. That's one course for every 625 players, or 14,500 Canadians in total. "That's among the highest number per capita in the world," said Dan Pino, director of communications for Golf Canada.

Whether you are looking to sharpen your game or try your hand at the sport, now is the perfect time to do so. "A lot of courses are introducing family tees as a means to encourage a fun atmosphere that the entire family can enjoy," said Jack Lane, chief operating officer of Alberta Golf.

Many clubs provide programs for junior golfers (those aged four to 18) at affordable rates. While most of these are recreational, there are competitive programs for the aspiring pros, too.

And for those looking to join a private club, things couldn't be better. Membership rates are nothing like those seen in the 1980s, where initiation fees at some clubs were as high as $30,000. You'll find more flexible payment terms, no (or short) wait lists, and once-strict rules — such as dress codes — are more relaxed in hopes of luring younger players.

With such great incentives from golf clubs, and the unseasonably warm temperatures forecasted to continue, there's no reason not to tee off this season.

Family tees are just one incentive to golf. SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES

There are seven new courses under development in Alberta.

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Flames plan on burning Kings' bridge to playoffs

NHL

Calgary win in regulation eliminates last Cup champs

A plucky Canadian team a win away from ending their NHL playoff drought and the defending Stanley Cup champions facing possible elimination provides Thursday's game in Calgary with an intriguing double-barrelled plot.

A win and the Flames are in the post-season for the first time since 2009. Calgary can also end the Los Angeles Kings' bid for back-to-back Cups — and a third in four years — with a victory in regulation time.

Calgary sits third in the Pacific Division at 95 points and two points up on Los Angeles.

A team like the Kings that earns a pair of Stanley Cups over a three-year span knows how to pull out wins at crucial times. Calgary's roster is thinner on that type of experience.

"It's going to be the toughest two points we have to get all season," Flames forward Matt Stajan said Wednesday.

Playing their third road game in four days, Los Angeles arrives following a 4-2 loss in Edmonton after thumping those same Oilers 8-2 at home a week ago.

According to their own stats, their chances of making the playoffs dropped from 40.3 per cent to 21.6 with the defeat. The Kings intend to draw on their extensive battle experience at Scotiabank Saddledome.

"This is the biggest game of our season by far," Kings defenceman Drew Doughty said. "This is basically a Game 7 for us. We're going to treat it that way.

"I'm completely confident in this group. We've been in so many big games and come through in so many big games. This is another one.

"Even though we've done it in the past we can't just assume we're going to go out there and it's going to happen. We've got to get back to the things we know we can do, play the way we have in the past and that's how we're going to have to win."

Calgary posted a 3-1 record versus the Kings this season, including a pair of overtime wins. A pivotal point in the Flames' season was their first game against the Kings in Los Angeles back on Dec. 22.

On an eight-game losing streak, Calgary trailed 3-0 late in the second when Johnny Gaudreau scored the first goal of a natural hat trick to tie the game.

Captain Mark Giordano's overtime winner capped a stunning comeback. Calgary didn't lose more than three in a row the rest of their season.

"It was maybe a turning point in our season," Gaudreau said. "Going in to play the Kings in their barn, the Stanley Cup champions, to come out with a win there ... I think it was a huge part of our success the rest of the year."

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BOWING OUT

One possible scenario that sees the Kings eliminated is for them to get a single point in Calgary, but the Jets earn a win over the Avalanche in Denver on Thursday.

The Kings' Anze Kopitar, right, makes a pass around the boards as he is chased by Paul Byron, front, and T.J. Brodie of the Flames on Dec. 22, 2014 in Los Angeles. The Flames trailed 3-0 but came back to earn a 4-3 overtime victory. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

IN WASHINGTON

Holtby turns shutout hat trick

Braden Holtby made 27 saves while shutting out the Boston Bruins for the third time this season, Marcus Johansson had a goal and an assist and the Washington Capitals defeated the Bruins 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Holtby earned his 41st win of the season to match the franchise record set by Olaf Kolzig in 1999-00.

John Carlson and Matt Niskanen also scored for Washington, which leads the Islanders by three points for second place in the Metropolitan Division and home ice in the first round of the playoffs. New York has one game in hand.

Nicklas Backstrom and Troy Brouwer each had two assists for the Capitals, who have won nine of 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

95

Boston, which had won five straight, still holds the second wild card in the East with 95 points. Ottawa has the same amount of points but has two less regulation and overtime wins.

MLB

Yankees shake down Jays bullpen for win

Chase Headley hit a tiebreaking single that deflected off the wrist of reliever Brett Cecil, and the New York Yankees rallied for three runs in the eighth inning to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 Wednesday night.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey gave the Blue Jays 6-1/3 effective innings, surrendering just one run.

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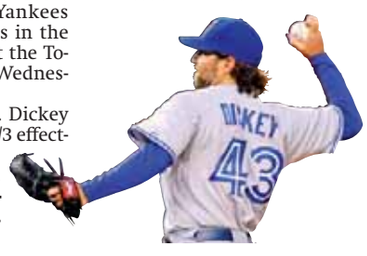

Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey received a no-decision Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Tigers tag Twins again

Paul Molitor is still waiting for his first win as Minnesota's manager.

His team's first run, too.

Anibal Sanchez helped the Detroit Tigers blank Minnesota for the second straight game, Jose Iglesias had four hits and Alex Avila scored four runs in Wednesday's 11-0 rout of the Twins in the Motor City.

The Twins have never gone this long without scoring their first run since moving to Minnesota.

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CFL

PAT spot set back to the 32-yard line

Kicking the extra point is about to become a little more challenging in the CFL.

Converts will be pushed back 20 yards after the league approved a series of significant rule changes Wednesday.

Extra points will now be kicked from the 32-yard line instead of the 12-yard line.

The change is expected to make the extra point less of a foregone conclusion.

If a team is trying for a two-point convert, the ball will be scrimmaged from the three-yard line instead of the five-yard line under the new rules.

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99.4

Last year, 99.4 per cent of kicks for a single point following a touchdown were successful.

IN COLUMBUS

Jackets blanket Buds

Scott Hartnell had a goal and an assist and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 35 shots for his second shutout of the season to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets to a 5-0 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday night.

Artem Anisimov, Boone Jenner, Ryan Murray and Jeremy Morin also scored for the Blue Jackets, who won their fifth in a row at home in a matchup of teams playing out the string in the regular season. Brandon Dubinsky added two assists.

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Cook time: 10

Directions

1. To make the burgers, combine the ground beef, egg, dried basil and oregano, breadcrumbs, ketchup, garlic, onion and feta in a large bowl and shape into 4 burger patties. Grill or sauté in a pan lightly coated with cooking spray. Cook on one side for 7 minutes, then turn over and cook 3 to 5 more minutes or just until beef is done.

2. Combine all the sauce ingredients in a food processor and purée until smooth.

3. Serve the burgers with the sauce and garnish with fresh basil or parsley.

Ingredients

Burgers:
- 1 lb extra-lean ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 3 tbsp seasoned dry breadcrumbs
- 3 tbsp ketchup
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese (about 1 oz)

Sauce:
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese (about 1 oz)
- 1/4 cup light cream cheese (about 2 oz), softened
- 3 tbsp low-fat plain yogurt (or sour cream)
- 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/2 tsp dried basil

Garnish (optional):
- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh basil or parsley

Nutrition per serving (per burger)
- Calories 257
- Protein 29 g
- Carbohydrates 11 g
- Fibre 0.9 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 4.8 g
- Cholesterol 126 mg
- Sodium 370 mg

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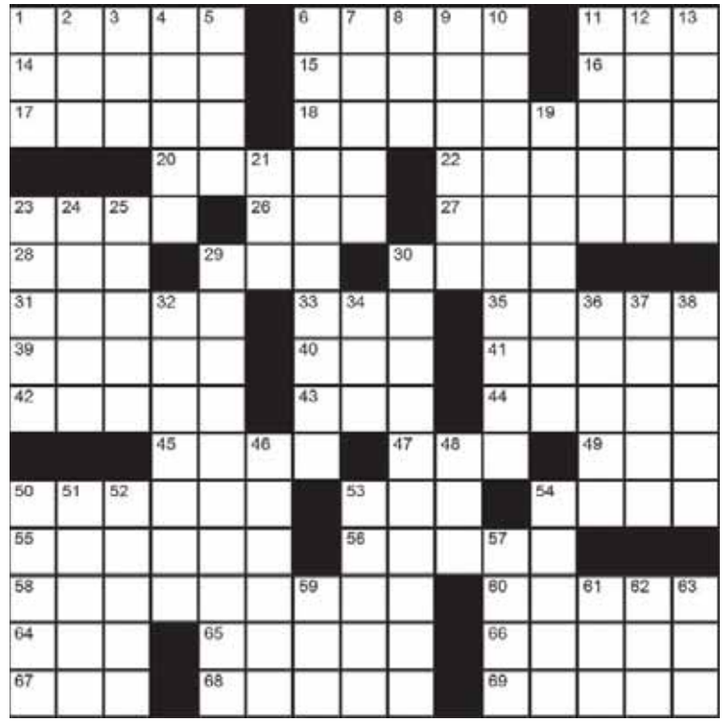

ACROSS
1. "Mr. D" on CBC actor Mr. Savage
6. DOB's 'B'
11. 'Box of chocolates' movie character ...his initials-sharers
14. 'The Hub' of Nova Scotia
15. "It's _ __ country!"
16. 'Motor' suffix
17. __ charge (Held the helm)
18. Ship's hull creatures
20. Green hue
22. Farine d'__ (French for 'oat flour')
23. Maintenance
26. Dining surface [abbr.]
27. The __ (Canadian a cappella group)
28. Overseas MTV honour [acronym]
29. Bzzz-er
30. Where to look in the song "Misty": 2 wds.
31. Persian Gulf emirate
33. Small, cute-style
35. Make corrections
39. "It's _ __ from God!"
40. French article
41. South American animal
42. Excavated again
43. Plymouth ___ (Vintage car)
44. Pointer Sisters member
45. Scintilla
47. Whole
49. Weep
50. Persuade with pressure
53. ___ Park (Pittsburgh Pirates ballpark)
54. Manipulates
55. Gospel singer Mr. Crouch
56. More peculiar
58. Old show on MuchMusic, "Pepsi __ __" (More at #10-Down!)
60. Toward the stern
64. Victor Hugo play, __ Blas
65. 'Tooth'-meaning prefix
66. Princess Beatrice's mum
67. Prince Valiant's son
68. "So long!": 2 wds.
69. Gateway

DOWN
1. "Oh, yeah..." in e-mail
2. British singer Rita
3. 'Vigor' suffix
4. "Survivor" team
5. Fine-tune
6. Song by Canadian troubadour Raffi: 2 wds.
7. Patsy Cline's "_ __ to Pieces"
8. Basic educ.
9. Renter
10. Music genre for #58-Across: 2 wds.
11. Literature leaf
12. Canadian DJ/producer Mr. Morrison
13. Common mailing requests
19. Camping stove company
21. Path [abbr.]
23. Tree variety
24. Entertain
25. Like the Stephen King dog Cujo
29. Players mark them when letter/number combos are called: 2 wds.
30. Fort __ National Historic Site of Canada, in BC
32. "__, the Wrath of God" (1972) directed by Werner Herzog
34. Chg. card percentage
36. Sagas
37. Gunpowder component
38. Horse-hauled carts
46. Small chuckle
48. TV type
50. Director Frank
51. "__ __ Merry Way" (1948)
52. "A Girl Like You" by __ Collins
53. Sulky
54. Country star Keith
57. Slacken
59. Counter's beginning...
61. Pottery/paintings
62. Distant
63. Your, biblically

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
What would you do if you knew that success was guaranteed? So why are you not doing it? The Sun in your sign makes all things possible.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Either you will set your sights too high or set them too low over the next 24 hours. You're in one of your "take it to the limit" moods!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You usually get what you want in the long-term — your powers of persuasion are legendary — and you will find it easier than ever to get what you want today. You'll be amazed what others agree to.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are negotiating from a position of strength, so don't let anyone offer you less than you are worth. That applies to the work front, where someone in a position of authority will cheat you if they think they can.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you get the urge to try something different over the next 24 hours then by all means follow your instincts. Leo may be a "fixed" sign but in fact you can be quite adventurous.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Tell others exactly what you think today and, if some people don't like it, that's just too bad. Don't be offensive for the sake of it but make sure everyone knows your views.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The ball is very much in someone else's court at the moment and all you can do is wait. Don't get impatient if they take their time about it because that will encourage them to go even slower.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will work extremely hard over the next 24 hours – you will get twice as much done as you usually manage. But are you working for yourself or are you working for other people?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever you start now will bring success in the not too distant future, so make it something you can look back on with pride. It's time to let your creative side come to the fore.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to be too critical of other people today, because however well meaning your comments may be if they're too negative they won't go down well. Loved ones, especially, need your support, so be positive.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't find it difficult to get what you want today but don't forget if someone makes you a loan there will come a time when you have to pay it back. Think ahead.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Start something new today, something that will make you popular and make you some serious money. But don't get impatient. This is a long-term project.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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